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CHINESE DEFENCE OF PAOTINGFU

Ambush Disaster Report Rouses Japanese Anxiety

BRIGADE REPORTED TO BE IN FULL RETREAT

PLANES RUSHED TO AREA TO CONFIRM DISASTER

Tientsin, 1.30 p.m. To-day.

The greatest single action of the war is now raging round Paotingfu, where heavy civilian casualties have been inflicted by Japanese artillery bombardment of the city and constant air raids. A large zone in the northern suburbs of the city has been devastated, according to reliable reports and there is a steady flight of the population using every means of conveyance out of the east gate.

Japanese claim that they are approaching the north wall of Paotingfu, stating that the Asuda Brigade broke through in the centre. It is also asserted by Japanese military headquarters that the Ishigura Brigade, attacking from the west flank, captured a railway station to the south of Paoting this morning, effectively preventing the arrival of reinforcements.

This is directly contradicted by another report received late this morning by the Japanese military authorities, announcing that the Ishigura Brigade fell into an ambush while approaching Paotingfu from the west and that the remnants retreated in complete confusion after more than half the brigade had been wiped out.

Military authorities here declare that they doubt the truth of the report, but considerable excitement was caused on receipt of the despatch and orders were immediately issued for the despatch of six large bombers and several reconnaissance planes to the scene of the disaster.

LINE HOLDING

Domei reported this morning that at 8 a.m., Japanese troops entered the city from the north, but this is regarded as distinctly premature. More than 100,000 Chinese troops are defending the city, and though it is admitted that they have given way to some extent in the centre, under violent pressure, the flanks

are holding firm and no breach in the line has been achieved.

It is unofficially estimated that casualties suffered by both sides in two days of severe fighting exceed 20,000 killed and wounded.

The Okamoto Brigade lost heavily in the action.

A terrific artillery duel was re-

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SOVIET PLANES FOR CHINA: NEW RUMOURS

Shanghai, 1.30 p.m. To-day.

Rumours are in circulation here suggesting that under arrangements reached by the Nanking Government with the Soviet, contracts have been reached for the supply of a large number of aeroplanes, heavy guns and armoured cars to the Chinese forces.

It is stated that the Soviet has intimated its ability to supply 400 machines, fast fighters and heavy bombers of long range, immediately.—Our Own Correspondent.

BAD WEATHER SAVES CAPITAL FROM RAIDS

Nanking, To-day.

A very cloudy sky and the threat of rain promises Nanking further temporary relief from Japanese air bombings.

Meanwhile, the exodus of the population has ceased and city life is returning to normal.—Reuter.

H.K. MYSTERY PLANE

Reports of a mystery plane over Hong Kong last evening, flying high from the direction of Cheung Chau, circling several times over the city and flying off over Lyeemun, apparently refer to a machine of the Far Eastern Flying School, which was up between 6 p.m. and 6.35 p.m. yesterday.

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ALL QUIET ON SHANGHAI FRONT

Shanghai, To-day.
Hostilities in the Shanghai area in the past few days have been confined to desultory exchanges of rifle fire, but, though the Japanese claim to have advanced here and there, no major engagement has occurred.

Although the Chinese announced, on September 14, a general withdrawal to a 22-mile Chapei-Liuho line, small forces which remained to harass the enemy, are still holding out.

There have been persistent reports that the Japanese, realising the strength and determination of the Chinese forces, are awaiting further reinforcements before attempting to smash their way through.

SODDEN GROUND

A Japanese spokesman, however, announces that the Japanese have not advanced because of sodden fields and swollen creeks.

The spokesman said that police dogs are proving valuable in maintaining communication, and many of these animals heroically bear messages to their designation in spite of the roar of cannon and the danger of death.—Reuter.

CHOLERA PERIL IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.
Cholera cases in the French Concession number well over 1,000 and in the International Settlement, more than 500.

The epidemic is still increasing, since the weather has become warmer.

On account of the epidemic, the Municipal authorities are now allowing only 70 wounded soldiers to be admitted to the foreign areas daily for treatment.

Overcrowding by refugees is one of the main reasons for spread of the disease, although the Chinese authorities state that about 500,000 Chinese have left Shanghai during the last months.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE DENY ITALIAN AIRMEN STORY

Shanghai, To-day.
The Japanese military and naval attaches attached to the Embassy yesterday issued a joint declaration against foreign press reports that Cantopese airmen had shot down two foreign fliers, whose identity papers proved them to have been Italians.

The declaration stresses that there are no foreigners in the Japanese air force.—Trans-Ocean.

FOR WAR RELIEF FUND

Art Show By Three Chinese Girl Artists

Local art fans will certainly feel privileged to attend an Art Exhibition by three famous Chinese Girl artists, Misses Hsiung Pi-shuang, Hsiung Yau-shuang and Hsiung Pei-shuang, which is to be held in the Hop Yat Church, Bonham Road, from September 27 to October 2, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. The three artists will be personally present and paint on the spot when requested. All the proceeds will be given to the war sufferers in China.

The sisters were educated in the Chinese Faculty in the Hong Kong University. Having had a great interest in art, they devoted much of their time to the persuasion of the study, acquiring the methods of the ancient Chinese masters with perfection. They have already gained popular recognition among both Chinese and foreign art circles. Last year, they were invited by some prominent Chinese Officials to give exhibitions in the Chinese capital as well as in Shanghai and met with successes never before attained by other contemporaries.

Under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Education, the sisters will shortly make a tour of Europe and America to further their studies. Passports have been obtained through the assistance of Mr. Wu Te-chen, Mayor of Canton, but owing to the present national crisis, they decided to postpone their sailing, hence the forthcoming Exhibition which is warmly supported by many well-known Chinese ladies including Mrs. Wu Te-chen, Mrs. Sun Fo, Mrs. T. V. Tsoong, Lady Ho Tung and Miss Wu Mook Lan.

JAPAN WILL BE BOMBED IF SOVIET INTERVENES

Tientsin, To-day.
Under the heading "From Conflict to — ?" the "Peking and Tientsin Times," leading British newspaper in North China, reviews the results of the past two months.

The war in China, the journal says, has developed into a struggle for existence, with a simultaneous damaging of European business.

Main sufferers were in consequence China, Japan, Britain and the United States.

Japanese commercial losses amounted to \$5,000,000 a day.

The formerly flourishing Japanese trade in the Yangtse Valley has become defunct, while losses of American fire insurance companies amounted so far to \$500,000,000.

JAPAN'S DANGER

If Russia intervened, Japanese cities would be threatened by the same fate as Canton, Shanghai and Nanking.

Hope for speedy end of the war was as fallacious as in 1914.

Chinese Government apparatus could be destroyed but not the Army Command, which was ruling China to-day and could establish its headquarters in the smallest village.—Trans-Ocean.

PORT OF LONDON INCREASES RATES

London, To-day.
The Port of London Authority announces certain increases in rates and charges necessitated, it is stated, by advances in the pay of dock labourers, which recently came into force.

Dockers received an increase of 5/6 per week and this will be followed by a scheme which, it is hoped, will make for partial casualisation of dock labour.—British Wireless.

STAFF COLLEGE FOR L.M.S.

London, To-day.
Sir Josiah Stamp, Chairman of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway, yesterday opened the Railway Staff College, in which young members of the L. M. S. staff will be given special training in future.
In opening the College, Sir Josiah said that the Company had been involved in heavy capital expenditure on the railway. It was now investing something on the human side.—Reuter.

ANTI-JAPANESE DEMONSTRATION IN LONDON

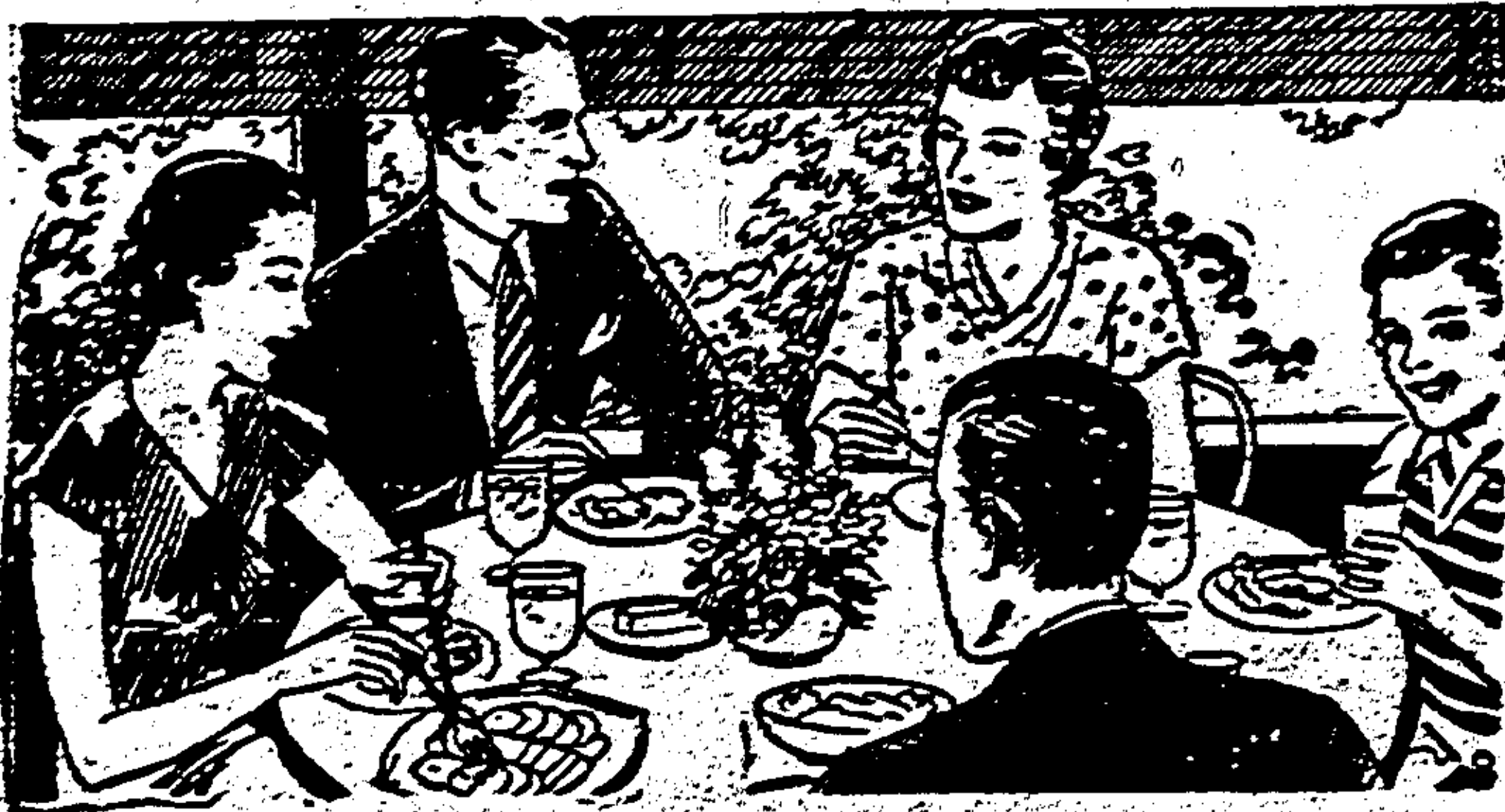
London, To-day.
Police reserves were drafted to the residence of the Japanese Ambassador at midnight when 200 men and women paraded around the Square and then gathered before the house shouting "Take away the Japanese murderers from China. —Withdraw your bombers."

Police spoke to the leaders of the crowd and escorted them away, but there was no serious disorder and no arrests.

Police remained on duty guarding the steps of the house for some time after the demonstrators had dispersed.—Reuter.

Secretary For War In Alsace

London, To-day.
Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, Secretary for War, left Paris last night for Alsace where he will have an opportunity of seeing French fortifications and troops. He returns to London by air on Tuesday.—British Wireless.



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12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.
12.30 p.m.—Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.
"Bitter Sweet"—Selection (Coward).
Intro: "Tokay", "If Love were all", "Zigeuner", "The call of Life".
Intro: "Ladies of the Town", "I'll see you again", "Dear little Cafe", "Kiss me".
"Drop in next time you're passing"—Fox Trot.
Unbelievable—Fox Trot.
Love Live For Ever And Rule My Heart—Waltz.
12.47 p.m.—Raie Da Costa at the Piano.
"Four Aces" Suite.
(1) Ace of Clubs.
(2) Ace of Diamonds.
(3) Ace of Hearts.
(4) Ace of Spades.
1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Spanish Dances and Conchi-

ta Supervia.
Spanish Dance.
No. 1. Oriental.
No. 2. Andelouse.
New Light Symphony Orch.
Granada (Albeniz).
Danza—5 (Granados)... Conchita Supervia—Mezzo-Soprano.
Spanish Dance No. 6.
Danza Espanola.
Madrid Symphony Orch.
Punto Arenas—Tango.
San Fernando—Tango.
Heinz Huppertz & His Orch.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press; Rugby Press; Local: Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Songs by Raymond Newell—Baritone.
Here's To Life (Talbot & Atkinson).
Let Me Love You To-night (Grey, Waller & Tunbridge).

Follow Me 'Ome—A Barrack Room Ballad (R. Kipling & W. Ward-Higgs).
1.50 p.m.—Dance Music.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-11 p.m.—European Programme.
7 p.m.—Roy Fox and His Orchestra.
7.22 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
7.27 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano.
7.40 p.m.—Studio—Waikiki Trio.
1. On a Little Bamboo Bridge.
2. Blue Sunset.
3. Kamehameha March.
4. Down Honolulu Way.
5. Hawaii Across the Sea.
8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Orchestral Music by Eric Coates & Essie Ackland (Contralto).
Orchestral—
Two Symphonic Rhapsodies.
No. 1—I Pitch My Lonely Caravan.
No. 2—Bird Songs at Eventide.
1. Heard You Singing.
New Light Symphony Orch.
Contralto—The Fairy Tales of Ireland (E. Coates).
Orchestral—"London Again" Suite—Langham Place (E. Coates).
Oxford Street.
The London Palladium Orch.
8.23 p.m.—Studio—E. Warner (Tenor) accompanied by E. O'Neil Shaw.
To Daisies.
Damask Roses.
Brown is my Love.
My Life's Delight (Quilter).
E. Warner.
Rosemary—(Frank Bridges).
E. O'Neil Shaw (Piano).
Weep You No More.
Fair House Of Joy—(Quilter).
E. Warner.
8.40 p.m.—Three English Dances (Quilter). Played by New Light Symphony Orchestra.
Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes—(Arr. Quilter). Played by New Light Symphony Orchestra.
8.53 p.m.—Four Songs by Elsie Sudaby (Soprano).
Spring—Had Come—("Hiawatha"—Coleridge-Taylor).
Ave Maria—"Cavalleria Rusticana"—Mascagni).
The Almond Tree (Schumann).
The Mocking Fairy (Besly).
9.06 p.m.—Natan Milstein (Violin).
Sonata In A Major—Part 1 (Vivaldi).
Part 2.

From My Homeland (No. 2) (Smetana).
Consolation (No. 3) (Liszt).
La Campanella (Paganini).
Nocturne in C Sharp Minor (Chopin).
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News & Announcements.
9.55 p.m.—Variety Programme.
Fox Trot—
Goodbye, Little Dream, Goodbye (Cole Porter).
When A Woman Smiles (Vivian Ellis).
Jack Hylton & His Orch.
Vocal—
I Think Of What You Used To Think Of Me (Turk, Hanley & Lyman).
Like The Big Pots Do (Long).
Gracie Fields.
Chicken Reel (Daly).
If You Were The Only Girl In The World (Ayre)... Brian Lawrence and his Bandowne House Sextet.
Orchestral—
Faust Fancies (Gounod).
Carmen Caprice (Bizet).
Debroy Somers Band.
Vocal—Waltz Memories—
Part 1—"Ciribiribin," "Gypsy Moon," "One Night of Love."
Part 2—"When I Grow Too Old to Dream," "Poem," "Live, Love and Laugh."
Troise & His Mandoliers.
Vocal—
Das Gibt's Nur Einmal (Just Once for All Time)... Lillian Harvey.
Das Muss Ein Stueck Vom Himmel Sein (Live, Love & Laugh).
Willy Fritsch.
Sketch—
Our Amateur Night—Parts 1 & 2.
The Regal Radio Party.
Orchestral—
Lonesome Without My Baby.
Lion Rag... Masters' Hawaiians.
Band—
Six Hit Medley (No. 2) Part 1.
Intro: In a Little Gypsy Tea Room; Rehearsing a Lullaby; Kiss Me Goodnight... London Piano-Accordeon Band.
Six Hit Medley (No. 2) Part 2.
Intro: Lullaby of Broadway; Little Golden Locket; Call Me Sweetheart... London Piano-Accordeon Band.
Fox Trot—
Favourite Favourites No. 2—Part 1. Intro: "Stumbling," "Sleepy Time Girl," "When The Leaves Come Tumbling Down."
Favourite Favourites No. 2—Part 2. Intro: "Me and the Boy Friend," "I'm sitting on top of the world," "That's my weakness now."... The Ballyhooligans.
11 p.m.—Close down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

A Three Table Duplicate Game

"Dear Mr. Culbertson: The enclosed hand is, I think, good enough to send along to you. It was played in a three table duplicate game and a terrific controversy arose as to how it should be bid. I will give you three sets of bidding and ask you to comment on all three and to determine which, if any, of the bidding series was correct.
"This was the hand.

West, dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
S.—9 5		S.—Q J 8 4 3	
H.—10 7 3		H.—8 4	
D.—6 5 4 3 2		D.—J 10 7	
C.—7 5 3		C.—J 10 6	
WEST		EAST	
S.—K 10		S.—Q J 8 4 3	
H.—K J 5		H.—8 4	
D.—K Q 9 8		D.—J 10 7	
C.—K Q 9 2		C.—J 10 6	
SOUTH			
S.—A 7 6 2			
H.—A Q 9 6 2			
D.—A			
C.—A 8 4			

The bidding at table 1:
West North East South
1 no trump Pass 2 spades 3 hearts
Double Pass Pass Pass

The bidding at table 2:
West North East South
1 no trump Pass 2 spades Pass
3 no trump Pass Pass Double
Pass Pass Pass

The bidding at table 3:
West North East South
1 no trump Pass 2 spades 3 hearts
3 no trump Pass Pass Double
Pass Pass Pass

"At table 1 the king of clubs was opened and the three heart contract went down one trick.

"At table 2, North opened the nine of spades against the three no trump contract [South not having bid hearts] and game was easily made.

"At table 3, South having bid hearts and North having led the suit, West, the declarer, went down two tricks doubled.

"There has been considerable betting done as to which bidding was correct.

"Yours very truly,

"R. K., Detroit, Mich."

First, I disapprove of the one no trump used by all three West players as the opening bid. One diamond was the correct opening. Aside from that I think that South, at table 2, deserves the palm for his failure to enter the bidding. Despite South's strong hand, strategy demands trapping rather than aggressive measures. It takes little vision on South's part to know that North must hold a "blank", and even three hearts, for all South can tell, might be severely penalised.

South having bid three hearts at tables 1 and 3, I approve West's double at table 1 rather than the three no trump bid at table 3. West is not strong enough to bid three no trump over East's noncommittal two spade response, and this comment applies equally to West's re-bid at table 2.

The fact that the South player, to whom I awarded the palm for his pass, received the lowest score on the hand does not, in my opinion, affect the issue. His opponents were extremely lucky to make their contract.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: What is a reverse bid?

Answer: The bid of a higher ranking suit after bidding a lower ranking suit. It usually is a strong bid because it forces partner to a higher level to express a choice for partner's first bid suit.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE KING'S—"A Day At The Races", with the Marx Brothers.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"I Met Him in Paris."—Starring Claudette Colbert, Melvyn Douglas, Robert Young and Mona Barrie. A sparkling comedy-romance, written by Claude Binyon, author of "The Bride Comes Home" and "The Gilded Lily" and as fast and funny as anything Claudette has ever done.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Sanders of the River," with Paul Robeson and strong cast.

AT THE STAR—"Accused", with Douglas Fairbanks Jr. and Dolores del Rio. An exciting murder mystery story well written and excellently portrayed.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Crime Over London", with Margot Grahame, Joseph Cawthorn, Paul Cavanagh and Basil Sydney. London menaced by American gangsters is the intriguing and exciting theme of the picture. An excellent British picture with an exceptionally strong cast.



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GUEST OF CHIEF JUSTICE ROBBED ON PEAK

Sentence of three months' imprisonment, with a recommendation for banishment, was passed on Mo Chiu, by Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning when he pleaded guilty to loitering in Wanchai Gap Road at 2.35 a.m. yesterday.

Sergeant Clarke, of Gough Hill, said defendant was arrested by an Indian constable. When questioned he said he was employed at No. 552, The Peak, but he was unknown there.

On September 13, two burglaries were committed on the Peak, one at the residence of His Honour, the Chief Justice, and another at the residence of Mr. L. H. King. Mr. King had stated that he was able to recognise the thief and picked out defendant at an identification parade, but that was not sufficient to proceed against defendant on that charge.

Sergeant Clarke added that since the beginning of the month there have been at least 15 attempted burglaries on the Peak though most were unsuccessful, the thieves being scared off by the dogs.

The Police are offering a reward of \$100 for information leading to the arrest and convictions of those responsible for the burglaries on the Peak.

The Chief Justice's house was entered into in the early hours of September 13, and a sum of money and a gold watch belonging to a guest were stolen. The watch has since been recovered from a pawnshop.

Fair Weather

The Royal Observatory reported this morning that the anti-cyclone continues to move Eastward, and now covers the Sea of Japan.

DEATH OF MADAME TSAI TING-KAI

Mrs. Tsai Ting-kai, wife of the hero of the 1932 war at Shanghai, passed away at her residence in Happy Valley yesterday following a maternity operation.

Madame Tsai is survived by her husband, who is now in Nanking serving under the Central Government, two sons and four daughters.

Many former subordinates of General Tsai, including General Sum Kwong-hon, paid visits of sympathy to the relatives this morning.

The funeral will take place on Sunday, the cortege moving off from Happy Valley.

Eleven N. w Cases Of Cholera

Eleven cases of cholera were reported to the Health Authorities in the 24 hours ended midnight last night, three from Victoria, four from Kowloon, two from the New Territories, and one each from Aberdeen and the harbour.

Two cases of dysentery and two of typhoid fever were also reported in the same period.

CASH BONUS FOR U.S. SEAMEN

Washington, To-day.

The Maritime Commission has ordered a cash bonus of \$50 to be paid to officers and crews of Government-operated ships entering war zones in the Sino-Japanese and Spanish conflicts.—Reuter.

Pressure is relatively low in a trough extending from Southern Indo-China to the Pacific East of the Philippines.

Local forecast: — E. winds, moderate; fair.



The Endeavour I, which is reported to have turned up near the Azores, nearly 3,000 miles from the point where she was struck by a storm and torn away from her towing ship.

"MYSTERY AT BRAY"

"THAT'LL be all, Brent. I wish to be alone."

Stephen Brent looked up from the pile of papers he was sorting at his desk. Behind his spectacles his dark eyes stared back at the older man, questioning.

"Very well, Mr. Chisholm. Are you sure—"

"Perfectly." There was an acridulous note in Cedric Chisholm's voice. "I want to be alone, Brent. Leave the french windows as they are and get out. And tell Fields and my daughter that I don't wish to be disturbed."

Cedric Chisholm's secretary left the study without another word. As the door closed after him the man who had come from South Africa and taught the London Stock Exchange its own game breathed a sigh and rose from his deep leather armchair. From a niche beside a tall bookcase he took a sporting rifle, looked to its breech, and returned to his chair, which faced the open french windows. Twilight was falling across the Surrey hills, and in the garden of Chisholm's home lengthening shadows played hide-and-seek among the bushes and shrubs.

There was a grim expression on the face of the man who had lifted himself from a mining engineer on the Rand to the pinnacle of a successful mine-owner, and there was something studied and calculating in the way in which his fingers touched the trigger-guard of the sports-rifle.

"No damned Gaynor's setting foot in Bray!" he muttered to himself, and in the tired grey eyes a sudden gleam lived and burned.

The minutes ticked by, and Cedric Chisholm waited, the rifle held across his knees. Drowsiness assailed him, but he shook it off, stirred himself, and leaned forward, peering into the deepening dusk.

Suddenly his body tensed. He saw someone moving in the garden, and watched. Whoever it was, the person was making for the summer-house. Chisholm raised his rifle butt to his shoulder, rose slowly to his feet, his eyes squinting along the sights, the finger on the trigger pressing slowly.

The sound of a shot awoke the household.

Fields, the butler, was the first to reach the study, to find Cedric Chisholm stretched in death before his armchair. He had been shot through the heart. As Fields lifted the body blood from the old fighter's veins was soaking into the piled Turkish carpet.

Nearly two hours later Detective-Inspector Anthony Slade, of Department X2, New Scotland Yard, was called into the office of the Assistant-Commissioner in charge of the C.I.D. With his customary brusqueness the A.C. came to the point at once.

"Does Cedric Chisholm mean anything to you, Slade?" he asked.

"The South African mineowner and financier?"

"That's the man. He's been shot, and the Surrey police want us to run the rule over the case. They think they've got the murderer."

"And they won't arrest him?"

"It isn't quite so simple as that."

The case has a few interesting and unusual angles. For instance, Chisholm was found with a sporting rifle near his body. Yes, his own, and loaded. That looks as though he had been expecting to give trouble to someone. The second interesting angle is the same one: Douglas Gaynor, son of Chisholm's oldest and bitterest business rival. The rivalry extends back to their mining days in Rhodesia. Benjamin Gaynor died two years ago, and his son had to go and fall in love with Celia Chisholm. You can see why the Surrey police want to move with care, Slade. If Gaynor's arrested there'll be millions for the defence. His father was just about as successful as Chisholm himself.

"Yet they're almost convinced Douglas Gaynor shot Chisholm?"

"Yes, almost. In the pocket of

planted, who did it? We haven't got a line on that."

"Did the daughter, Celia, know Gaynor was coming?"

"Yes, he phoned in the morning. Had to see her about something. Some lovers' business about his leaving the country."

"Did she mention the call to anyone?"

"Not likely. She's about as set on Gaynor as he is on her. That's another snag. Would he have shot her father? Not a bright idea of helping things along with the daughter, is it?"

Trawle was a matter-of-fact individual. A good policeman, Slade had no doubt, but just now considerably out of his depth.

"It might have been a put-up job between them," Clinton pointed out, as matter-of-fact as the local man.

Trawle shook his head.

Well, have you got out of Gaynor why he came armed?"

"Yes, Chisholm hated his father and the father's son. Couldn't stand the Gaynor breed, looks to me. He got mad when he found out young Gaynor and his daughter were matching up together on the sly. Reverted to the old Colonial type. Keep off my land or expect what you get. That accounts for the sports rifle. He'd got wind of the secret visit, and wanted to throw a scare into Gaynor. Gaynor was ready to throw one back. Can't say now, of course, if Chisholm meant to do the youngster any real damage. I shouldn't have thought so. After all, he's been a local J.P. for some years, and he knows how far—or, I mean, he did know—how far he could go with throwing a scare into someone he didn't want."

"I suppose the same applies to Gaynor?"

Trawle shrugged with almost Continental expressiveness.

"Chisholm's dead, isn't he?" he asked dourly.

"All right. I'll see, Gaynor," said Slade.

Douglas Gaynor was a well-made young man, lithe-limbed, clear-eyed, and just now pale and tight-lipped. Slade's immediate reaction was one of liking. There was something about the young man that suggested the broad wind-swept veld on which he was reared, something in the poise of his finely sculptured head that hinted at a fearless heart and an alert brain.

But he was troubled when Slade saw him.

"I swear I didn't kill him, Inspector," he said quietly. "I heard the shot, came running in, and flung my coat down. In the hall, I think. The door was open. I don't remember. Everything happened so quickly, and—"

"Just a minute, Mr. Gaynor," said Slade. "There is one point I want made clear now. Did you see the flash of a gun?"

The denial came without hesitation.

"Very well, you must have some idea of from which direction the shot came."

Both Yard men watched the other closely. But the look on Gaynor's face was one of frank puzzlement.

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his dust-coat was a small-calibred automatic. A bullet from that gun killed Chisholm. Now, from what I understand, Gaynor admits going down to the Chisholm place—it's called Bray, and isn't far from Guildford—armed. But he says the gun found in his pocket isn't his. He claims that he hung his coat in the hall, and that his gun was taken and this other weapon substituted for it. Well, I won't keep you any longer, Slade. Go down and see how things square up. The local man is Inspector Trawle from Guildford. Good luck."

A fast police-car drove Slade and his chief assistant, Sergeant Clinton, out of the Metropolitan area, and it was shortly after midnight when the two C.I.D. men arrived at Bray and were met by Inspector Trawle, a thick-set man with mouse-coloured hair and a trick of rubbing his under lip with his thumb when in thoughtful mood.

"What about finger-prints?" was Slade's first question.

The local man shrugged.

"If there were any I don't suppose you would be here. The gun we found in Gaynor's pocket was wiped clean. But if it was

"Not a chance. That girl isn't the type. She may be fiery, but she's bloodstock, and that counts, even when you're in love."

Slade agreed.

"Who found the body?"

"Fields, the butler."

"Who was last with Chisholm?"

"His secretary, fellow with glasses named Brent."

"Where were they when the shot was fired? By the way, I take it there was only one shot heard?"

"That's right. Gaynor was in the garden, walking towards the summer-house. So he says. He can't prove it, and I shouldn't say he had to. Chisholm was killed by someone standing not far from the summer-house. The secretary says he was in the house, in his own room. The daughter says she was waiting by the conservatory door. The butler was with the cook in the kitchen. At least, that much has been verified."

"I see. Everybody spread about very inconveniently."

"It looks bad for Gaynor."

"What about the gun?" asked Slade.

"Must be a number on it."

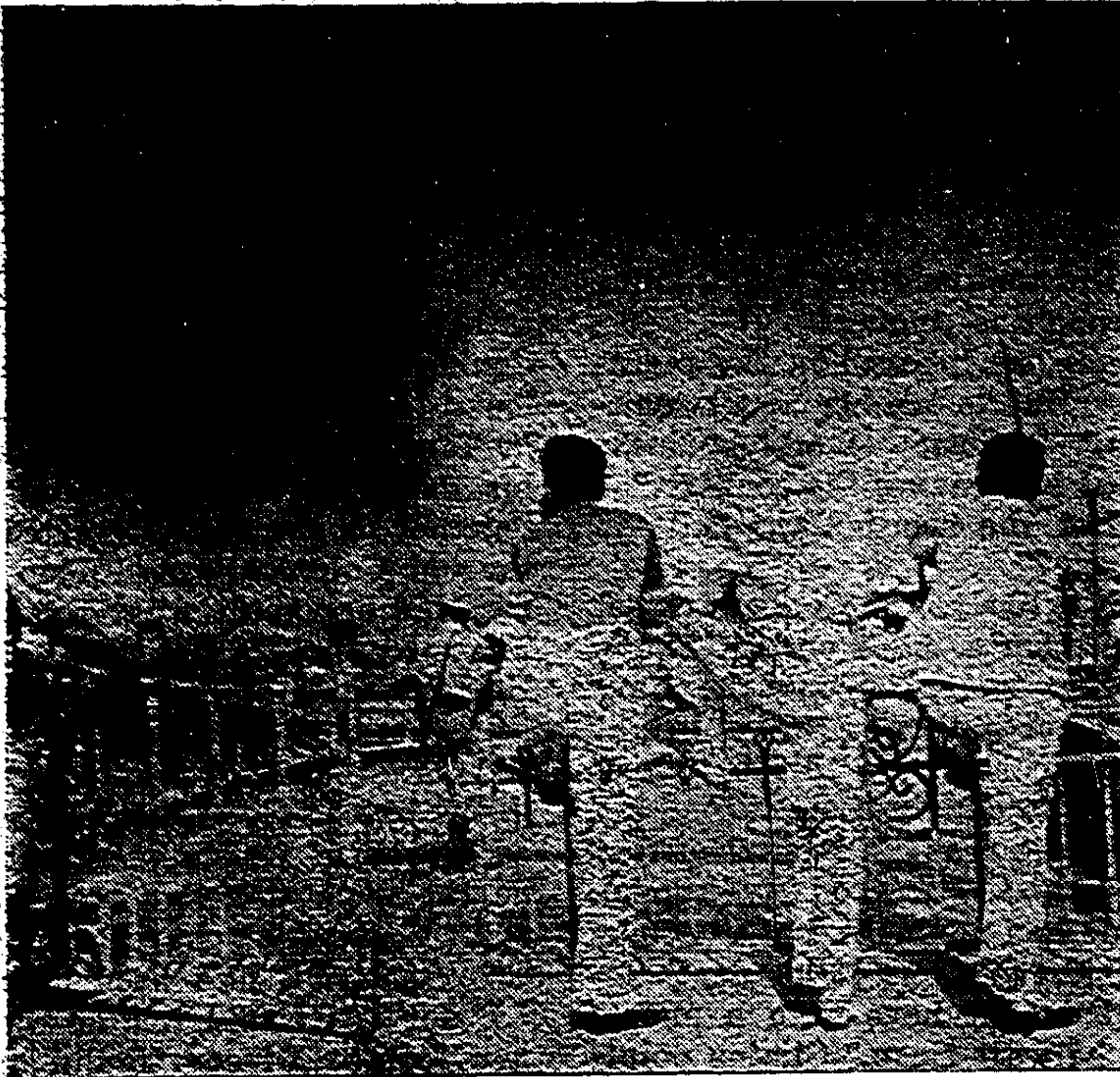
"There was. It's been filed off."

"The same forethought, eh?"



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Two typical Chinese air force officers snapped in their quarters at a Chinese aerodrome "somewhere behind the lines."



Four and a half miles of illuminations including novel set-pieces and fairy-lit gardens were a feature of this year's Southend Illuminations. Photo shows—Electricians fixing a huge set piece while the tide is out, showing kiddies in foreground in their pool. (Fox Copyright).



The annual holiday Dance Festival was held at Lytham, Lancs, recently. Over 800 competitors from all parts of the country attended and events included stage and ballroom dancing. Photo shows—A solo dancer in action at the festival. (Fox Copyright).

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So To Speak

Lawsuits and bathing suits aren't so very different. The person who puts on a bathing suit is not likely to re-cover very much. Just a bare possibility, so to speak.

Bright Lad

"Hello, Pat, ye look busy."
"Ah, Oi'm foolin' the foreman. Oi've carried the same hodful av bricks up an' down the ladder ari day, an' he thinks Oi'm workin'."

Literally

"Peter says that since he's become engaged to me, he is in the seventh heaven!"

"I know; he's been engaged six times before."

Oh, Gear!

Traffic Inspector: "Now, miss, what gear were you in at the time of the accident?"

She: "Oh, I had on a black beret, tan shoes, and a tweed sports dress."

Fair Warning



"When I was a child I was told that if I made faces like that I'd stay like it."

"Well, you can't say nobody warned you, Auntie."

Go Up Top

Teacher: "Give me a sentence using the word 'statue'."

Abie: "Vell, ven I came in last night, mine fader shouts 'statue Abie!'."

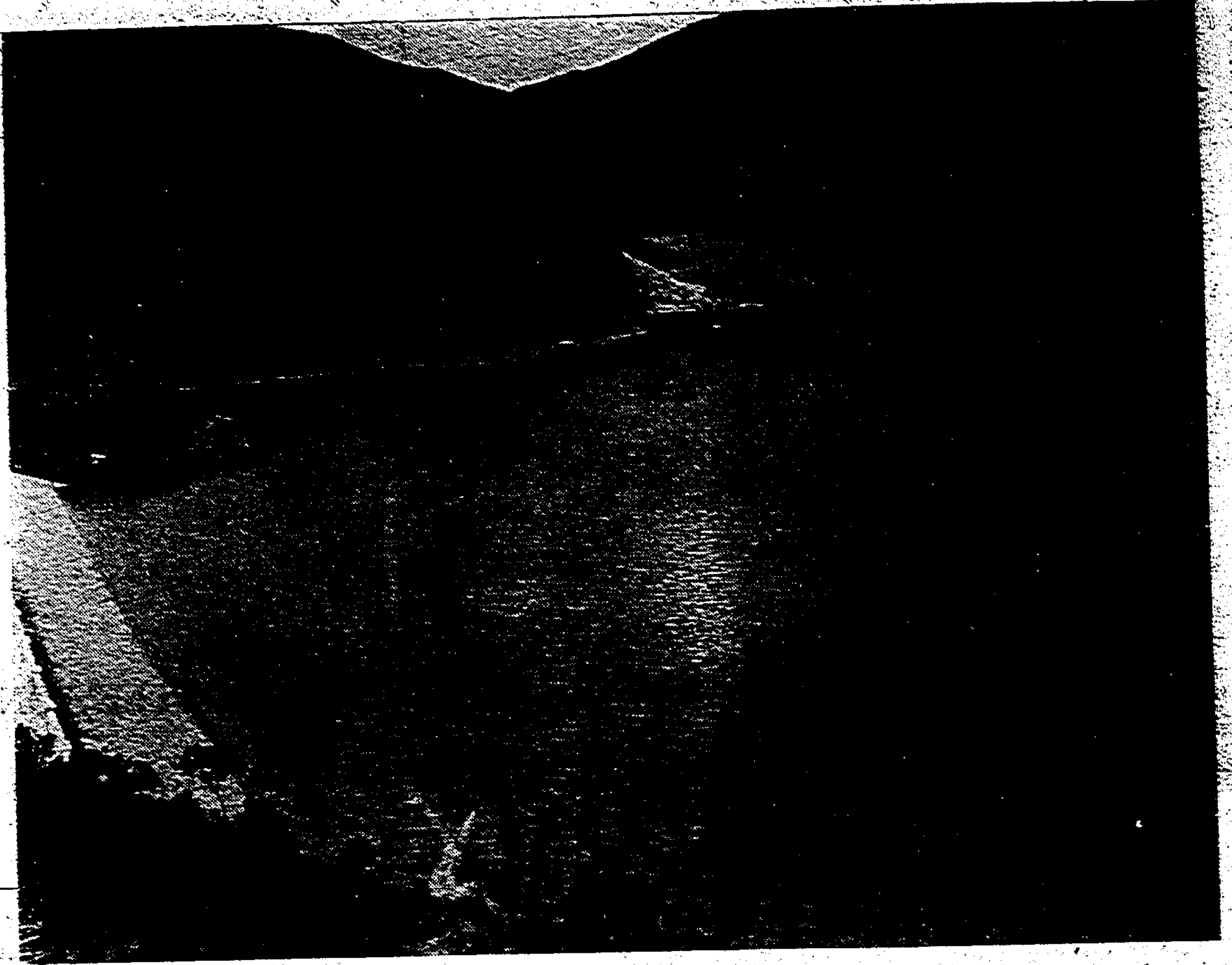
Impossible

A man recently wrote a book without using the letter E.

A living lexicon is he who wrote a novel recently without a single letter E.

Now, when I meet you, let us try

To talk without a single I—
Then watch our conversation die!



This picture gives an excellent idea of the effect of the recent rains on the Colony's reservoirs. Picture was taken at the Jubilee Dam at Shing Mun. ("Mail" photo).

Shattered Romance

They were out on the silvery beach in light of the full moon. It was a night for romance, and she was anxious to patch up their quarrel. "Sweetheart," she sighed, "darling, don't harden your heart against me."

He started. "Eh?" he replied woodenly. "Oh, that's not my heart; that's my cigarette case."

Up In The World

"What is your brother's job?"

"He's got a very high position in the shipping world."

Command a ship?"

"No; he's a lighthouse-keeper."

Diluted

Milkman: "What has become of that cat which always used to come to the door with you?"

Housewife: "Oh, I gave it a drink of your milk and it died of water on the brain."

Can't Fool The Meter

"You look very downcast."

"Yes, my wife has been away for six months."

"Well?"

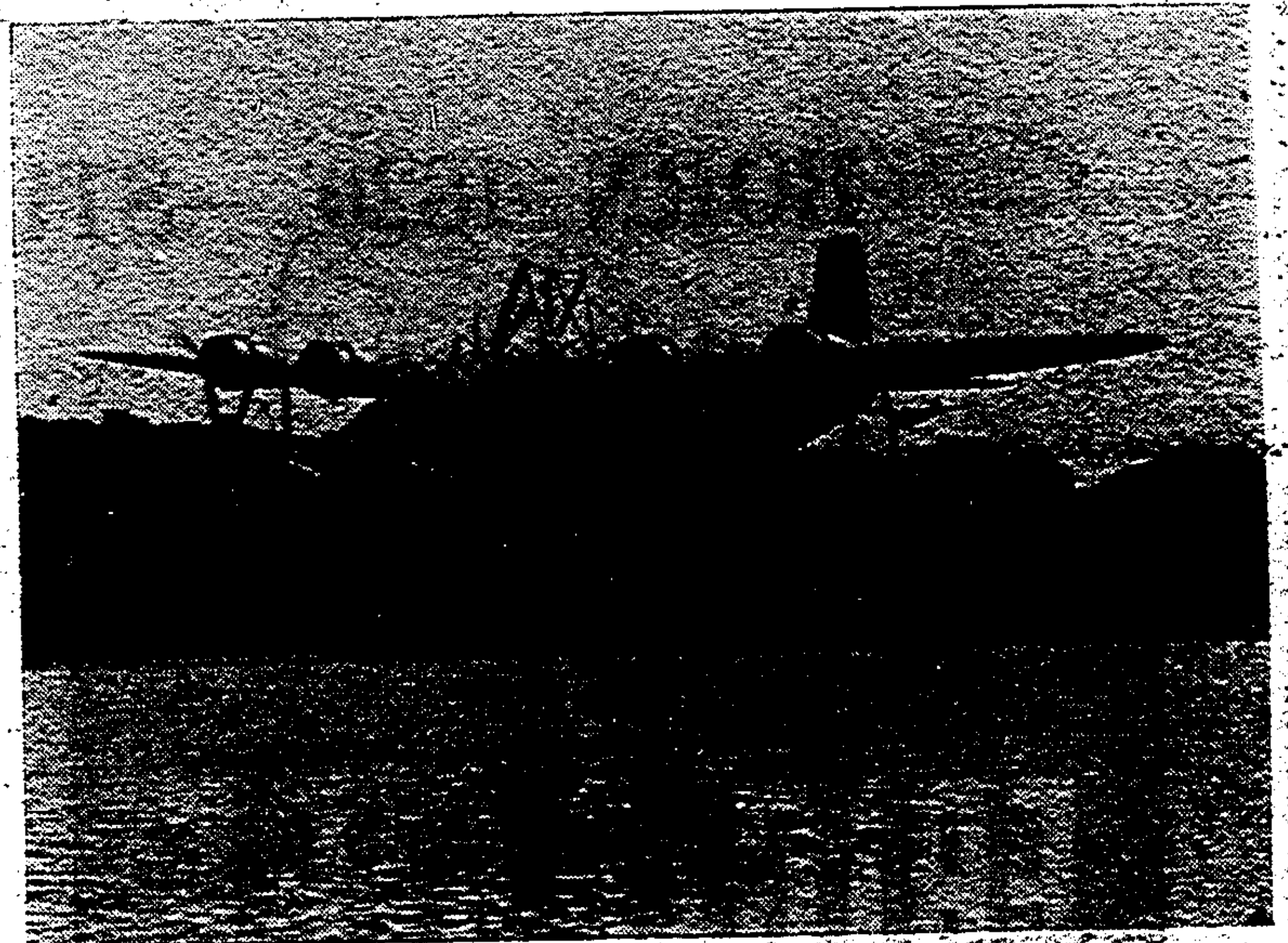
"I wrote her every week and said I was spending my evenings at home. She's back now, and the electric light bill has just come in. It's half a crown."

Easy

Mike: "What d'ye do wid trousers when ye wear thim out?"

Pat: "Wear thim home again!"

"Grass has been known to grow to a height of over 100 feet," states a newspaper. That's the kind I must have planted for my new lawn.



Aeronautical experts had their first sight recently of the Mayo "Composite Aircraft" at Rochester. The composite consists of two machines, linked one on top of the other, and sole purpose of the lower machine is to help the heavily-laden long-distance airplane on top to leave the water by giving it a flying start. The lower machine made its first appearance in the trial flight at Rochester and the upper component was also on view in course of construction. Photo shows the lower machine taking off at Rochester on its trial flight. (Fox Copyright).

Vive Le Sport!



A good sportsman is a man who always gives his hat 50 yards start before he begins to chase it.

The Roving Eye

"Mother," said the romantic daughter, "I advertised under a different name that I would like to make the acquaintance of a refined young man with an eye for romance."

"How dreadful of you!" gasped the horrified parent. "Did you get any answer?"

"Only one—from Father."

His Opportunity

Burglar: "Don't shoot, guv'nor. I'll go quietly."

Householder: "All right. But listen here; just show me how you managed to get into the house without making any noise and we'll say no more about it."

Family Census

"We're planning to discover how many relatives we have."

"How?"

"We've bought a cottage at the beach."

So Simple

An old lady came to the window of the booking office at a branch line station.

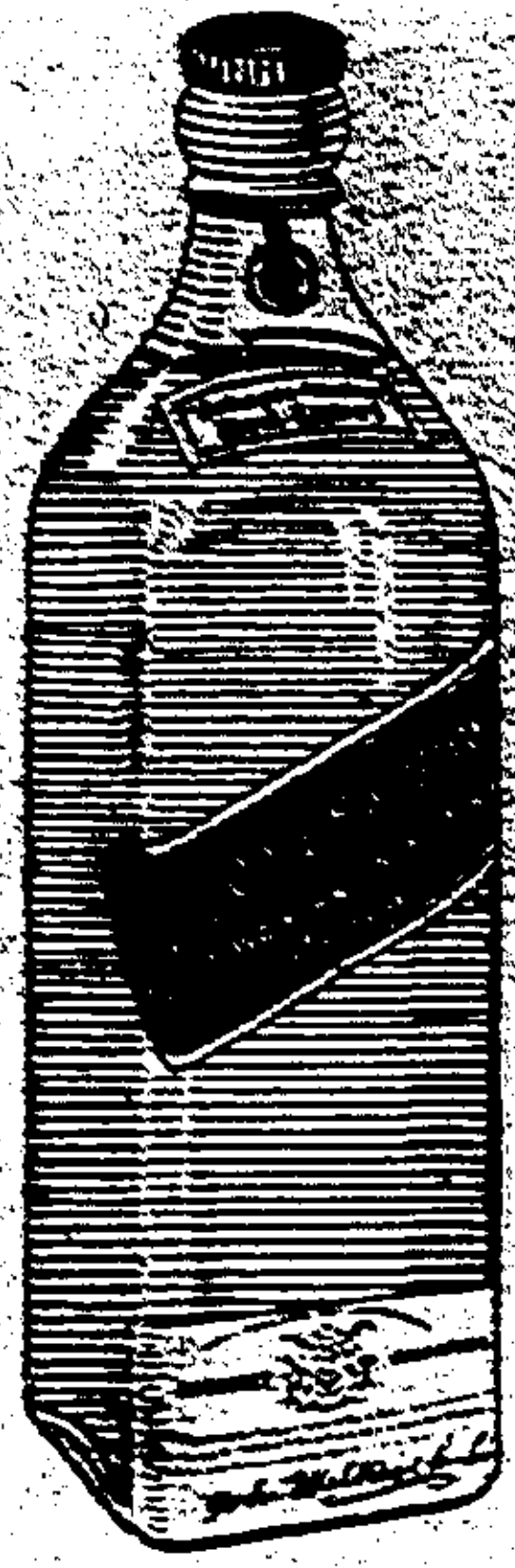
"I want a ticket for Florence," she said.

After hunting through countless railway guides, the clerk came back to the window with an annoyed expression on his face.

"Where is Florence, anyway?" he demanded.

"That's her—the little dog sitting over there on the luggage," answered the old lady sweetly.

"Yes," said the draper as he spread out a piece of silk before the customer, "we can guarantee that this will last your lifetime and make a petticoat afterwards."

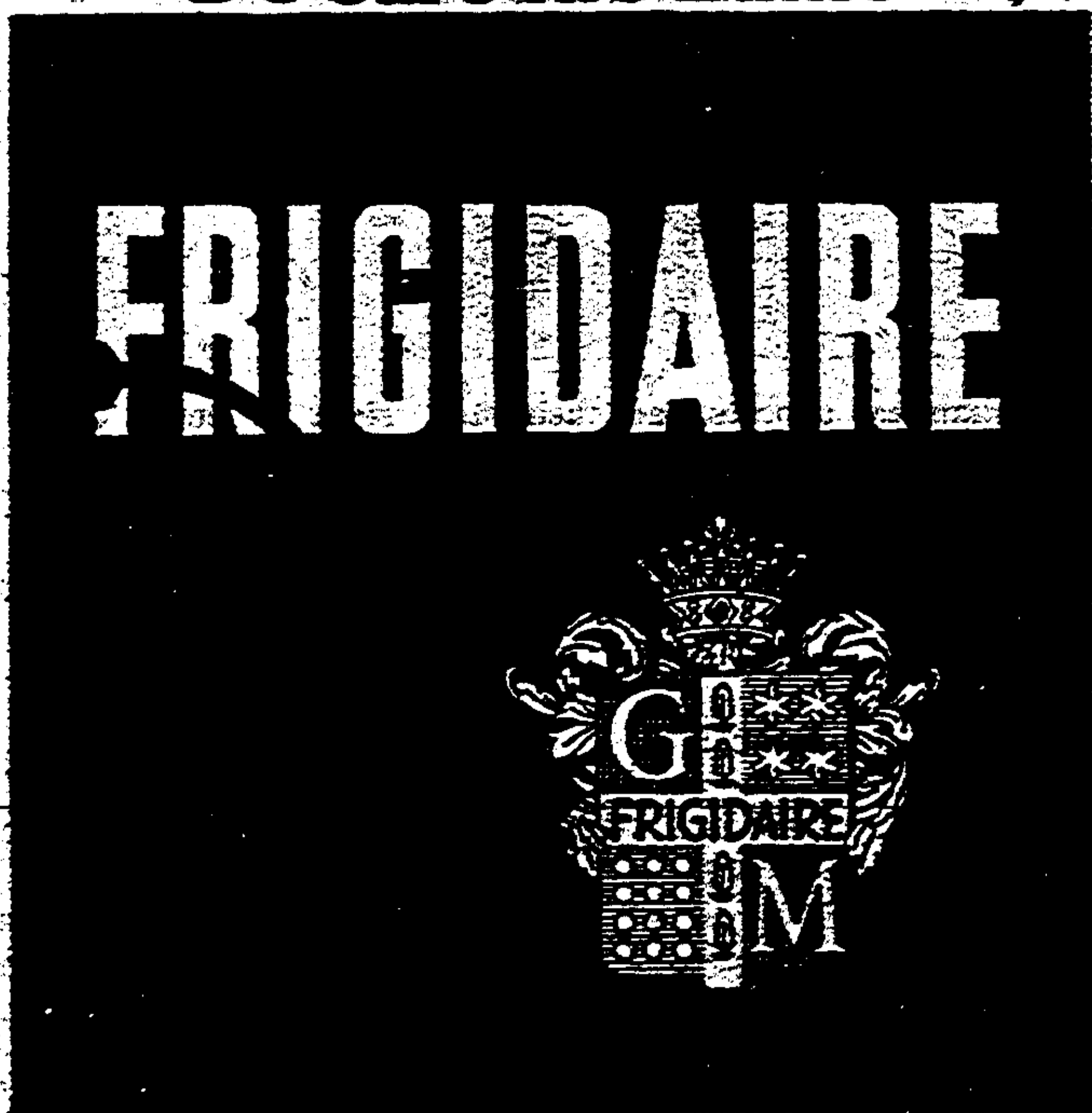


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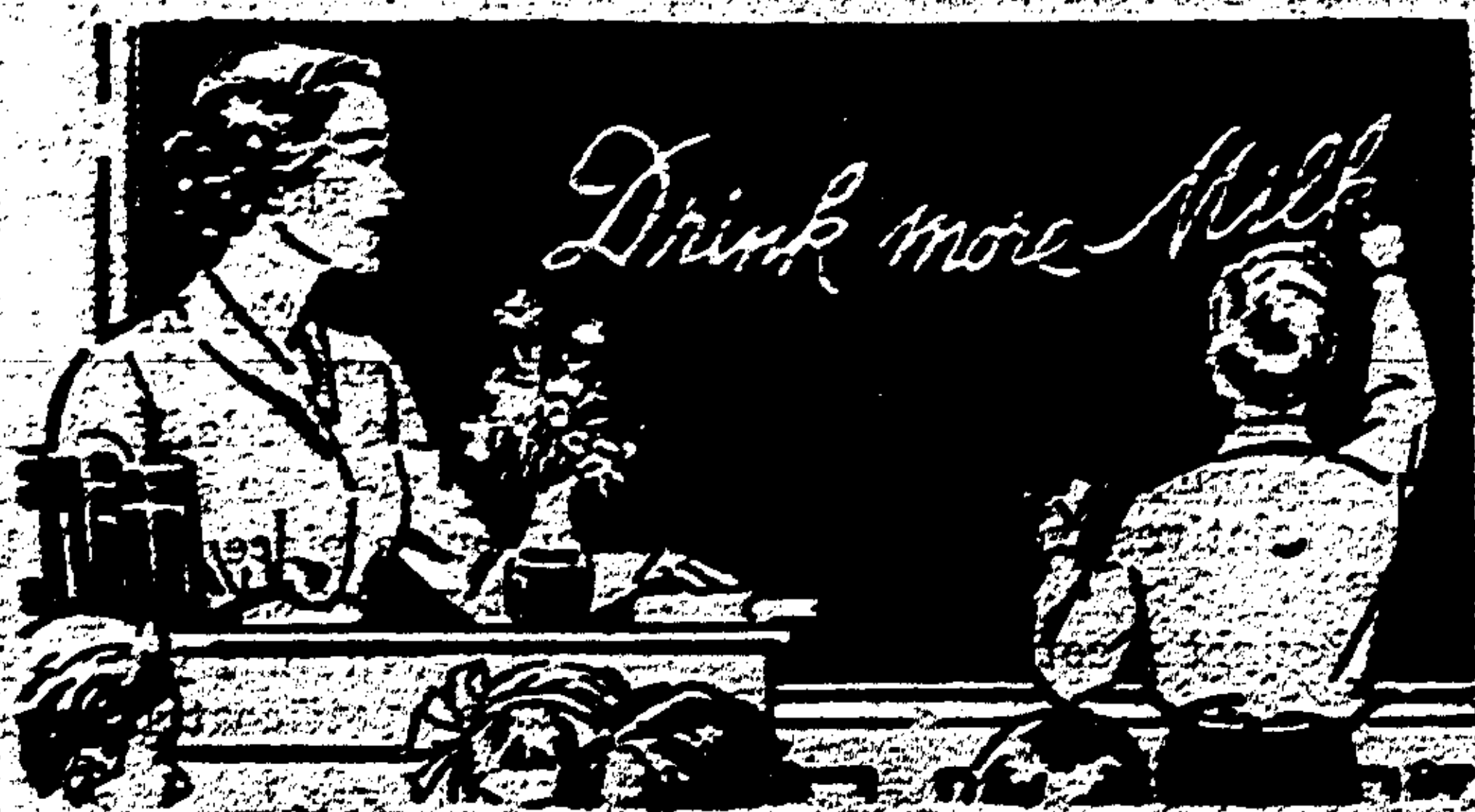
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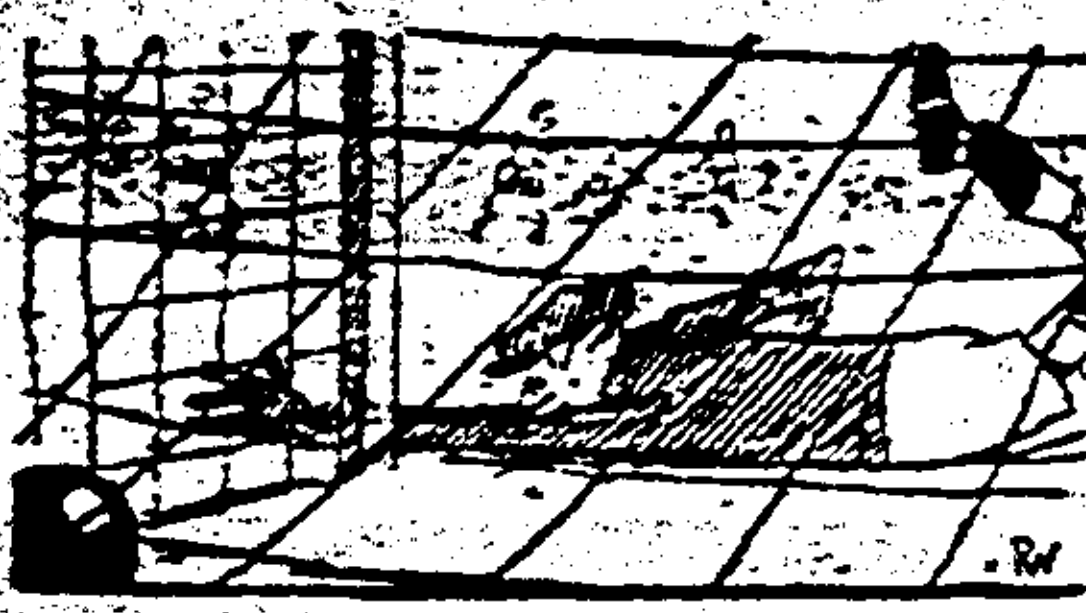
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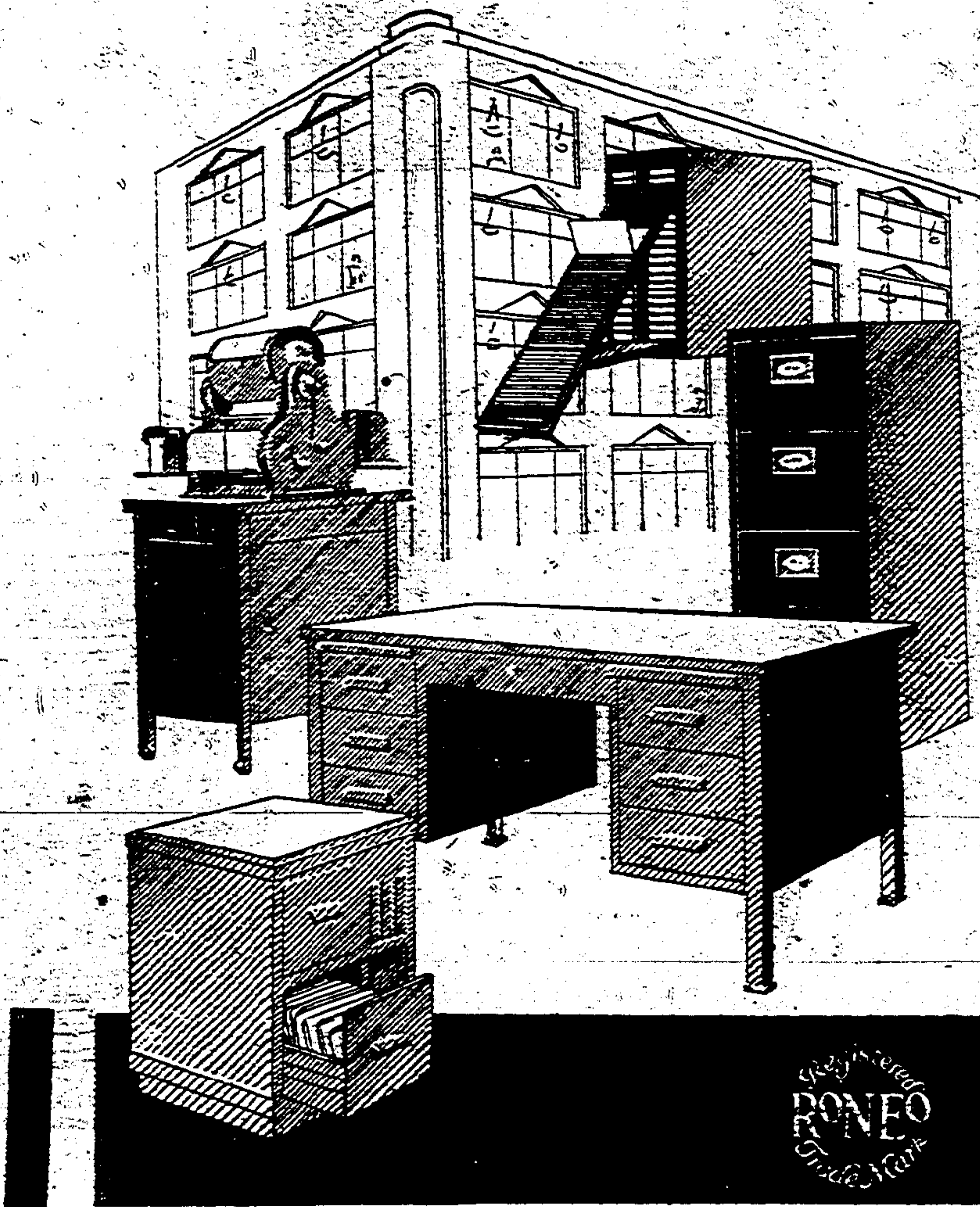
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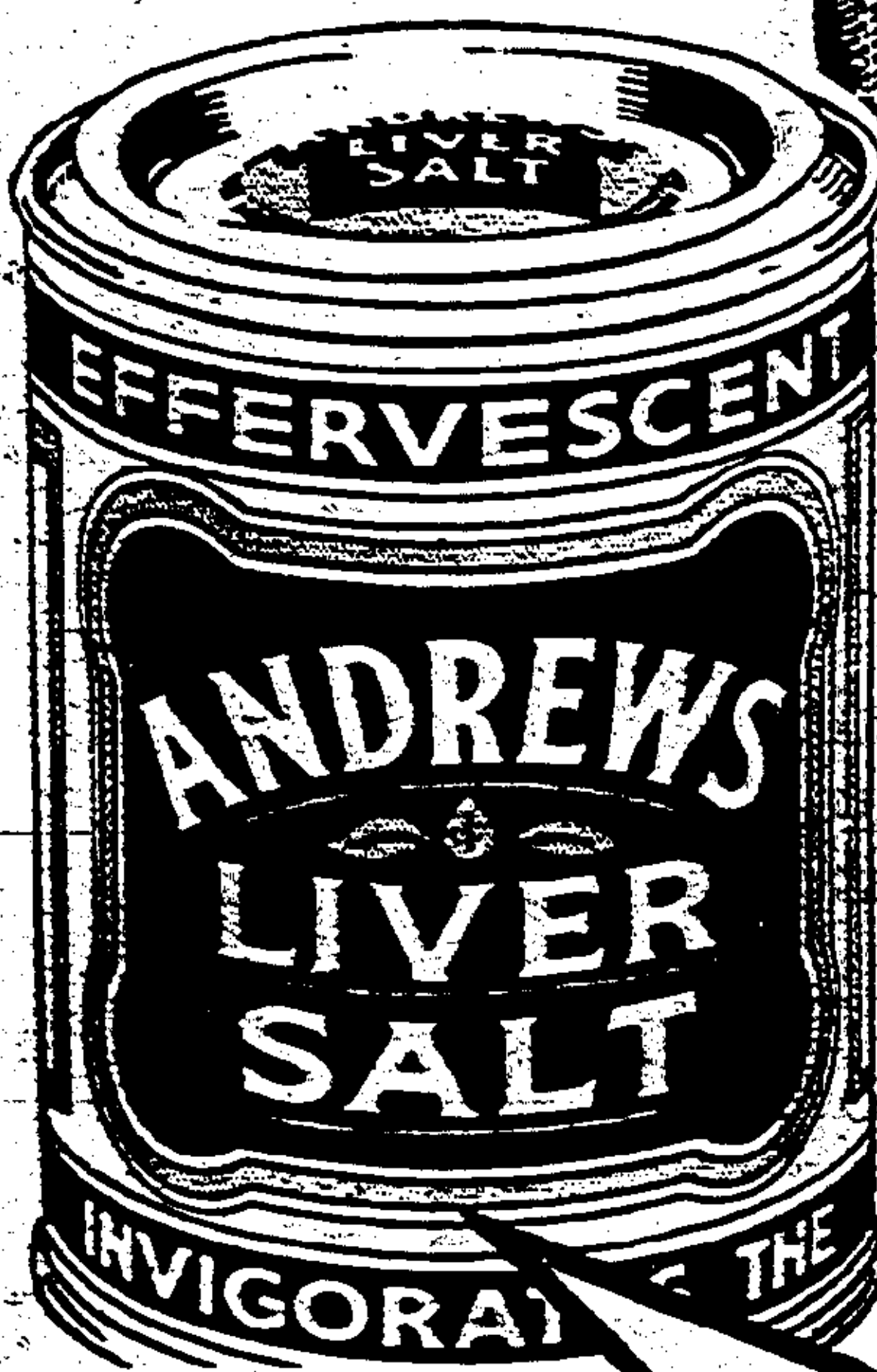
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Experience Shows

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Can anyone explain why the 12-year-old can't enjoy a radio programme unless he turns the volume up double forte and sits within 12 inches of the loud-speaker?

Opportunity

The father was marching up and down at midnight, with an infant in his arms, when there came a knock at the door. It was the tenant from below, carrying a pair of new shoes.

Best man (seeking bridegroom after the ceremony): "Where's Mac?"

Guest: "He's round at the back of the car trying on the old shoes."

Bridget wrote to Pat saying that she didn't know what to do as the soldiers had got the garden all dug up, every bit of it. Pat's reply was short and to the point: "Put in the spuds!"

To get ahead, look ahead, think ahead; use your head!

The simple things are best. No musical instrument yet made by man entrances him like the sound of his own voice.

"I say, old man," he said, "while you're about it, you might break these in for me."

The average man can make his wife do anything she wants to.

"MYSTERY AT BRAY" . . .

(Continued from Page 1)

"It may sound fantastic to you, Inspector, but I didn't pay any attention to that factor at all . . . not at the time, anyway. I heard a shot, and thought it was meant for me. I rushed for the house. At first I was resentful. I had come to see Celia—Miss Chisholm, and I was determined to see her. Afterwards, when I knew what had really happened, and when Inspector Trawle was questioning me, it seemed that I could recall the shot coming from somewhere in the garden. But I couldn't swear definitely to that. It's only an impression."

"Where is your own gun?"

"I don't know. The weapon found in my pocket isn't mine, and to the best of my knowledge I've never seen it before, but it is, I'm told, the gun that killed Chisholm."

Slade and Clinton both plied the young man with questions, but they could get nothing further of value from him.

"Well, Clinton, what's your idea?" asked Slade, when they were alone.

"I think Gaynor's in a devil of a fix. But before I did anything I should want to know if and how the old man learned Gaynor was coming here to-night."

This point was more or less settled by discovery that the telephone had a connection extending to the study. Anyone in the study could have listened in to Celia Chisholm's and Douglas Gaynor's conversation. But Slade's further probing elicited the additional conflicting fact that, whoever had listened in, it had not been Cedric Chisholm. At the time the call came from Gaynor, Celia Chisholm's father was in Guildford.

"Stephen Brent might have been a spy for the old man," Clinton pointed out.

"What I was thinking, Clinton," said Slade. "But I can't see how that would fit in unless Brent had a personal interest in killing Chisholm. He has—or had—a good job, presumably. I can only think of him risking it for one thing."

"The daughter?"

"Yes, Celia Chisholm. She, undoubtedly, will be rich."

But when Slade queried the girl he found that Stephen Brent had never made any advances to her. Further, her father had always adopted an overbearing attitude towards his secretary. He had at no time evinced any personal interest in Brent or the secretary's future.

Brent himself, when questioned, added nothing to what Slade already knew. He openly declared that Gaynor must have shot his employer.

Fields, the butler, on the other hand, revealed a liking for the suspected man.

"Mr. Gaynor's a nice young gentleman" was his final summation of Gaynor's character. "I don't think he could be the sort to do murder."

"Well," asked Trawle, when the Yard men had finished their round of questioning, "what do you make of it?"

"Just murder," said Slade.

"Up against a brick wall, eh?"

"Frankly, yes, Trawle. I've only one real hope of getting a new lead."

"What's that?" asked the local man.

"Footprints."

"That'll mean waiting till daylight."

"I'm afraid so."

"All right. Suits me. I'm in no hurry to make a mistake, and it's your bag of worry, anyway. But how do you think it looks for Gaynor?"

"Pretty thin."

"If you want what I think, he's got his head in a noose already."

The hours till dawn broke seemed to crawl. When the first flush of a new day was in the sky over the eastern tips of the Surrey hills, Slade and Clinton were out in the garden. But their search was unavailing. If some one had fired a shot from the region of the summer-house that some one had kept to the gravel path, which offered no prints to the detectives close scrutiny.

"Nothing new," decided Clinton, "but to book Gaynor on the charge."

The two Yard men were standing smoking by the summer-house, both easing their aching backs.

"Looks like it," said Slade, and despite himself there was disappointment in his tone.

As he watched the expanse of lawn and shrubbery spread before him he saw a pretty tortoiseshell cat walking with arched step along the edge of a gaily coloured flower-border. Idly as he smoked and thought he watched the cat's movements. He saw it pause, nose its way between a group of bright coloured phlox, and begin scratching at the earth.

He turned his gaze away, and was about to speak to Clinton when the sound of running footsteps attracted his attention. He saw Stephen Brent, the secretary, run towards the cat, pick it up, and hurry away with it towards the house.

"Now, that's a funny thing," said Slade.

"That cat's probably valuable," said the sergeant.

"To us—yes," Slade said thoughtfully.

"I don't get you," said Clinton.

"Well, let's go and see. Perhaps the feline instinct didn't err after all."

Clinton frowned. He knew well enough that when Slade became vague he was thinking along very definite lines.

"You mean you want to see that cat?" he asked, falling in step with Slade.

"No, I'm not interested in the cat."

"Then what—"

But the sergeant didn't complete his question. There was an abstract look on Slade's face that told him he was wasting his time in talking just then.

Slade dropped on to his hands and knees by the border of phlox. He pushed back some of the leafy plants, and discovered where the cat had scabbled amongst the loose mould of the border.

"See, Clinton, this earth has been disturbed recently," he pointed out.

"By the cat," said Clinton.

"And someone else. Look. Here are the cat's digging marks. But the earth for a couple of feet either way has been turned over recently. It's broken up freshly. See? The rest of the border is flattened with the rain of a couple of nights ago."

Clinton caught his chief's drift. "Then someone buried something here."

"Begins to look like it, Clinton. Wait here while I get a spade."

Within five minutes Slade was back with a spade he had procured from the tool-shed next to the garage. The blade pushed easily through the well-tended earth, and the detective had dug about a spit deep when he uncovered a package wrapped in a blue silk cloth.

He spread his find on the gravel path and unwrapped it.

The blue silk cloth was a muffler, containing a package of dummy rifle bullets and a loaded automatic pistol.

"Well, what do you make of that?" Clinton grunted.

Slade smiled thinly.

"Perhaps Gaynor may recognise his own weapon, Clinton."

The sergeant threw his chief a sharp glance.

"That wouldn't explain the blanks."

"But Chisholm may have ordered blanks for his sports rifle. Remember what Trawle said. Chisholm was a J.P. He may have thought a blank would have been sufficient to scare off young Gaynor."

Clinton pondered this. He looked up quickly.

"But in that case, if Chisholm had fired at Gaynor, he would have killed him!" he exclaimed. "His gun was loaded with the real stuff."

"Exactly. I should say that the person who murdered Chisholm fired a fraction of an in-

stant too soon. He wanted Chisholm to shoot and kill Gaynor, and was prepared, at the instant he saw Chisholm fire, to kill Chisholm. Unfortunately for him Chisholm hesitated in pulling the trigger as he stood up at the french windows. The shot never came from his rifle."

"But what could be the purpose of all that?"

"Elimination of the father and the successful suitor. Pretty slick, Clinton."

"Then it WAS Brent!"

Slade's smile broadened.

"This scarf should decide. The murderer wore it in the garden. He took the precaution—he took a lot of precautions, Clinton—to wrap it over his weapon to deaden the sound of the shot and to hide the flame. See where the silk is scorched?"

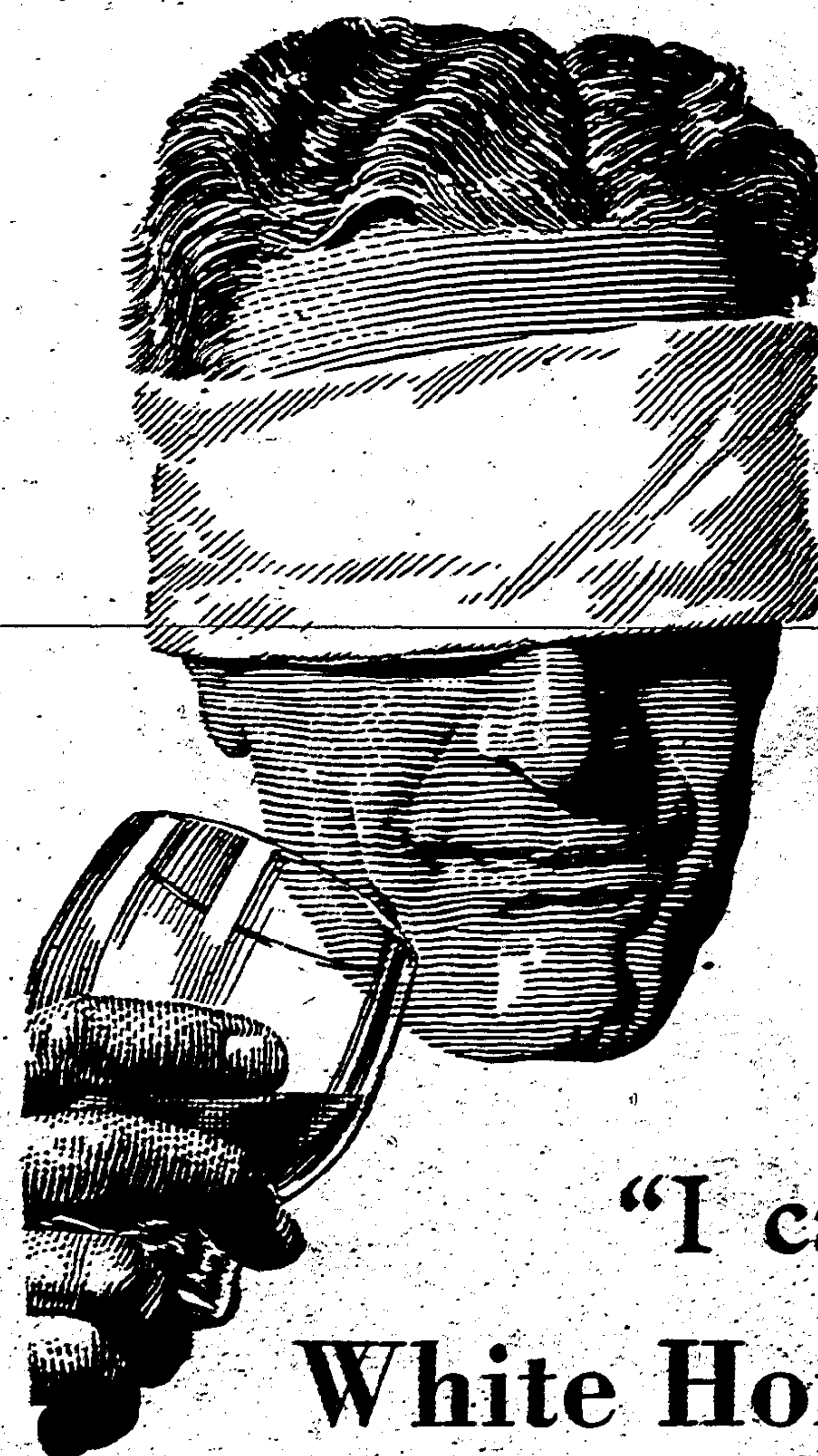
They took their discovery into the house and Trawle was wakened from his sleep in the deep confines of an armchair in the lounge and acquainted with what the Yard men had decided. Immediately the local man evinced a lively interest.

"By heaven," he said warmly, "that's good work! A cat, eh? Well, they're like women. Made to get under men's feet. We'll get Fields in."

The butler readily recognised the silk scarf as one belonging to Stephen Brent.

"Another thing," he told Slade, "I've been thinking over that 'phone call yesterday for Miss Chisholm. I remember now, Mr.

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BRUSH UP YOUR WITS

THE BROLLY SISTERS

DAINTY and Chubby Brolly took their holidays at the same time, but went to different places. Dainty went to Splashville and Chubby to Soakham.

They were away for ten days in all. Each took out an insurance policy against rain on the following simple basis: £1 was to be paid (by each sister) for each fine day she enjoyed, while for an isolated wet day she received £1, for two consecutive wet days £3 (i.e. £1+£2) for three consecutive wet days £6 (i.e. £1+£2+£3), and so on in progression.

The season was wet. Between them the sisters netted £40. The greater share of this went to Chubby.

For each of the first six days of the holiday the weather was the same both at Splashville and at Soakham.

What kind of weather was experienced on the seventh day at Splashville and at Soakham respectively?

JUST A GAME

"The essence of the game we're going to play," said Mr. Bacon, "is that those playing it are divided into three unequal units. A unit can consist of one person or more—thus, there might be one of us in one unit, two of us in a second, and the rest of us in a third—but no two units may be of the same strength."

"There'll be quite a lot of ways," said Streaky, "in which we can divide ourselves up numerically. Apart altogether, I mean, from the question of the personnel of each unit."

"No," said Fatty, who had made a rapid calculation, there are in fact very few ways. Unless the Eggs join us. In that case the number of possible divisions will actually be quadrupled."

There are six Eggs. How many Bacons are there?

12 FROGS GO A-WOOLING

A PLAGUE of Hungarian singing frogs has been making life unbearable for the 350 inhabitants of the village Stone-in-Oxney, in Kent.

The frogs are four times the size of the English species and have tremendous vocal chords. Villagers go to bed with their windows shut tight, but nothing could keep out the noise.

The trouble started two years ago during a drought. Streams had dried up and the fishes died. A plague of mosquitoes resulted.

A retired business man who lives in the village, heard that Hungarian frogs killed mosquitoes.

He bought twelve from a London vivisectionist and let them loose in his garden pond. The frogs got rid of the mosquitoes. Now the villagers would like to know how to get rid of the frogs.

When the mating season began and they began to sing, villagers thought that foxes were killing all the ducks. One woman thought a baby was drowning and raised an alarm.

These frogs have eight inch legs, and the noise they make can be heard six miles away.

MYSTERY AT BRAY

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Brent was in the study at the time."

"That fits," said Trawle, excitement now taking the place of his normal matter-of-fact attitude. "But you've still to make out of your case, one that will convince a jury," he reminded Slade.

When Douglas Gaynor admitted that the automatic pistol the detective had unearthed from the flower-border was his, another link had been fitted to Slade's chain.

The Yard man told Trawle to make a list of the things he had found for his own record, and then he went up to Stephen Brent's room.

"What can I do for you?" asked the secretary, peering at the detective closely from behind his spectacles.

"Stephen Brent," said Slade, "I've come to arrest you for the murder of Cedric Chisholm, and I must warn you—"

"Save that stuff!" shouted the secretary, springing back. "I can see it now. Another trick pulled by Gaynor with his millions. Frightened you off, eh? So you try to pin it on me. Well, what's your motive?"

"I take it you are referring to YOUR motive, Brent," Slade amended. "You wanted to kill both Gaynor and Chisholm. Gaynor, because you wanted Celia Chisholm and her wealth. Chisholm, because he had treated you like a menial, and that had hurt your pride, and because with him out of the way you would be free to offer consolation to the daughter and endeavour to win her affection."

"And how are you going to prove this fantasy?" answered Brent.

"By finding the shop where you purchased the gun that killed Cedric Chisholm. I shall also find out that you bought, at the same time, five cartridges for Chisholm's sports-rifle. By substituting those you would make sure that Gaynor would be removed."

Brent started.

"Then you've—"

He caught himself in time. The admission was only implied, but Slade accepted it as made in full.

"Yes, we've found the bundle you hid in the border of phlox.

You were too late, Brent, in running after the cat. Just as you were too premature in pulling your trigger. You should have made sure that Chisholm fired first. That would have simplified things considerably for you. I don't know whether it was agitation on your part, or whether Gaynor was too close to the summer-house, but you bungled the shooting—"

"Damn you!"

With a quick turn, the secretary leaped for the window. But quick as he was, Clinton, watchful and alert, was too smart for him. The sergeant was upon him before Brent could clear the sill, and Slade heard with satisfaction the click of the locked handcuffs.

"You'd be best advised," he cautioned, "to come quietly. You won't help yourself by resisting—"

He stopped abruptly, aware that Stephen Brent could not hear what he said. Realisation of what lay before him had been too much for the amateur murderer. Stephen Brent had fainted.



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"	£21 (6+1+1)
Dainty	£4 (various)
"	£6
"	£10
"	£13 (4+3)
"	£14 (5+1+1)
"	£15 (5+2 or 4+3+1)
"	£18 (4+4)
"	£19 (6+1 or 5+3)

(Consecutive wet days are indicated in brackets).

But it will be found that only in the last case could six days have been the same at both resorts. In this case, the first six days were wet, both at Splashville and Soakham, and the seventh day at both resorts was fine.

2.—JUST A GAME

There are nine Bacons.
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1	3	5
2	3	4

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1	3	11	2	3	10	3	4	8
1	4	10	2	4	9	3	5	7
1	5	9	2	5	8	4	5	6

The problem can only be solved by trial.

POLITICAL CRISIS AGAIN HANGS OVER BELGIUM: CABINET MEETING TO-DAY

Brussels, To-day.

The Belgian capital is under the shadow of a threatening Government crisis, with the fate of the van Zeeland Government in the balance.

King Leopold yesterday received the Finance Minister, M. Henri de Man and the former Foreign Minister, M. Paul Hymans.

The General Council of the Belgian Labour Party resolved to support the Premier and to demand that should M. van Zeeland resign from the Government on grounds of health, the Socialists should be entrusted with formation of a new Government.

A definite decision by the Premier had not yet been announced late last night.

Three Liberal Ministers in the Cabinet yesterday visited the Premier and requested him to continue at the head of the Government.

A full meeting of the Cabinet will be held to-day, when the political situation will probably be finally clarified.—Trans-Ocean.

ENDEAVOUR I TURNS UP NEAR AZORES!

London, To-day.

According to a Lloyd's message from Horta in the Azores, a message from St. Michael reports that the British tanker Amastra has signalled that she has found the Endeavour I, Mr. T. O. M. Sopwith's yacht which broke away from her tow and for which much anxiety has been felt for many days.

The yacht is reported to have been found in latitude 32 north, longitude 29 west.

The United States coastguard authorities, says a New York message, have also received information that Endeavour I has been sighted 200 miles south-west of the Azores.

If the report is true, then the yacht has travelled 3,000 miles under her own sail.

SKIPPER'S DEATH

Meanwhile, news has also been received in London of the death at sea of Captain George Williams, skipper of Endeavour II, which is being towed back to England after the America's races at Newport, Rhode Island.—Reuter.

WHAT NOW

London, Later.

The Master of the Amastra has radioed Lloyd's that he heard a broadcast from London that the Amastra had sighted the Endeavour.

"I feel deeply concerned as I have not seen or heard anything whatever about her," he wired.—Reuter.

REGISTRY WEDDING

Miss Ruth Krumbiegel was married to Mr. Eggert Karl Julius von Platen, merchant, at the Registry this morning. Mr. W. A. Jones, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, conducted the ceremony.

JAPANESE TRAPPED AT LIUHANG

Shanghai, To-day.

Chinese reports state that 300 Japanese at Liuhang were annihilated yesterday, when Japanese tanks were forced to remain nearby, bogged in the unpassable mud.—Trans-Ocean.

DAILY DOSES AT LAICHIKOK REFUGEE CAMP

Fear of a large-scale outbreak of malaria among the refugees at the Lai Chi Kok Refugee camp has arisen. The reason—carelessness.

Knowing the district to be ridden with mosquitoes, the authorities responsible for the fitting of the premises, had mosquito-proof screens fitted throughout.

These, during the hot spell just experienced, have been left open by the residents and the resultant attack from the insects has caused a certain amount of apprehension.

As a result, special preventative measures have been taken and, it is understood, all residents are being dosed with quinine daily.

DEATH OF FATHER OF COMMODORE

Much sympathy will be felt with Commodore E. B. C. Dicken on the recent death of his father, Admiral Charles Gauntlett Dicken, at the age of 83.

Admiral Dicken, who had an extremely distinguished naval career, was himself Commodore-in-Charge at Hong Kong, serving in that capacity from January, 1904, until after promotion to flag rank in July, 1905.

Viscount Gort's Successor

London, To-day.

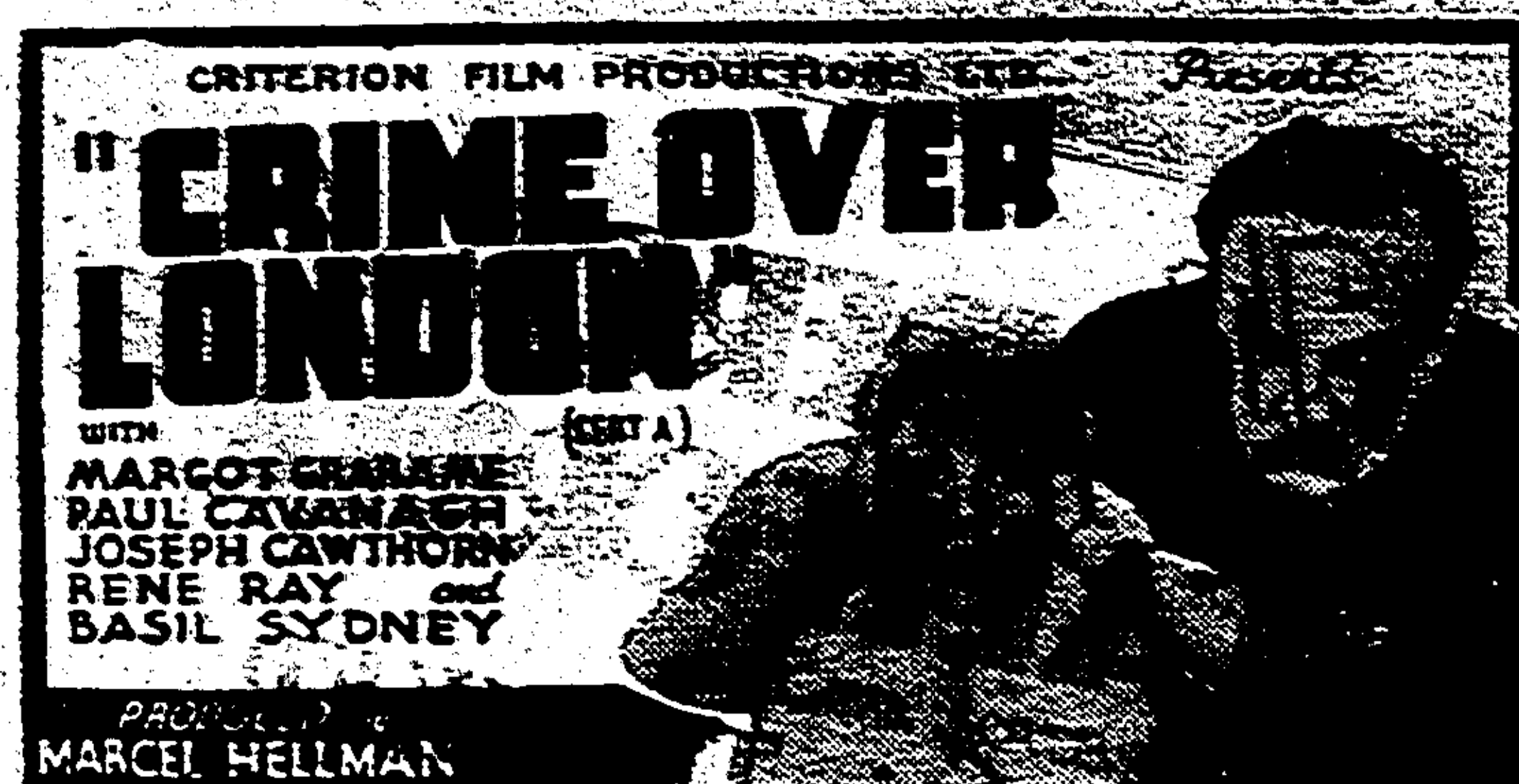
Colonel Sir Ronald F. Adam, Commander, Royal Artillery, 1st Division, has been appointed Commandant of the Staff College, Camberley, succeeding Lieutenant-General Viscount Gort and has been granted the temporary rank of Major-General.—British Wireless.

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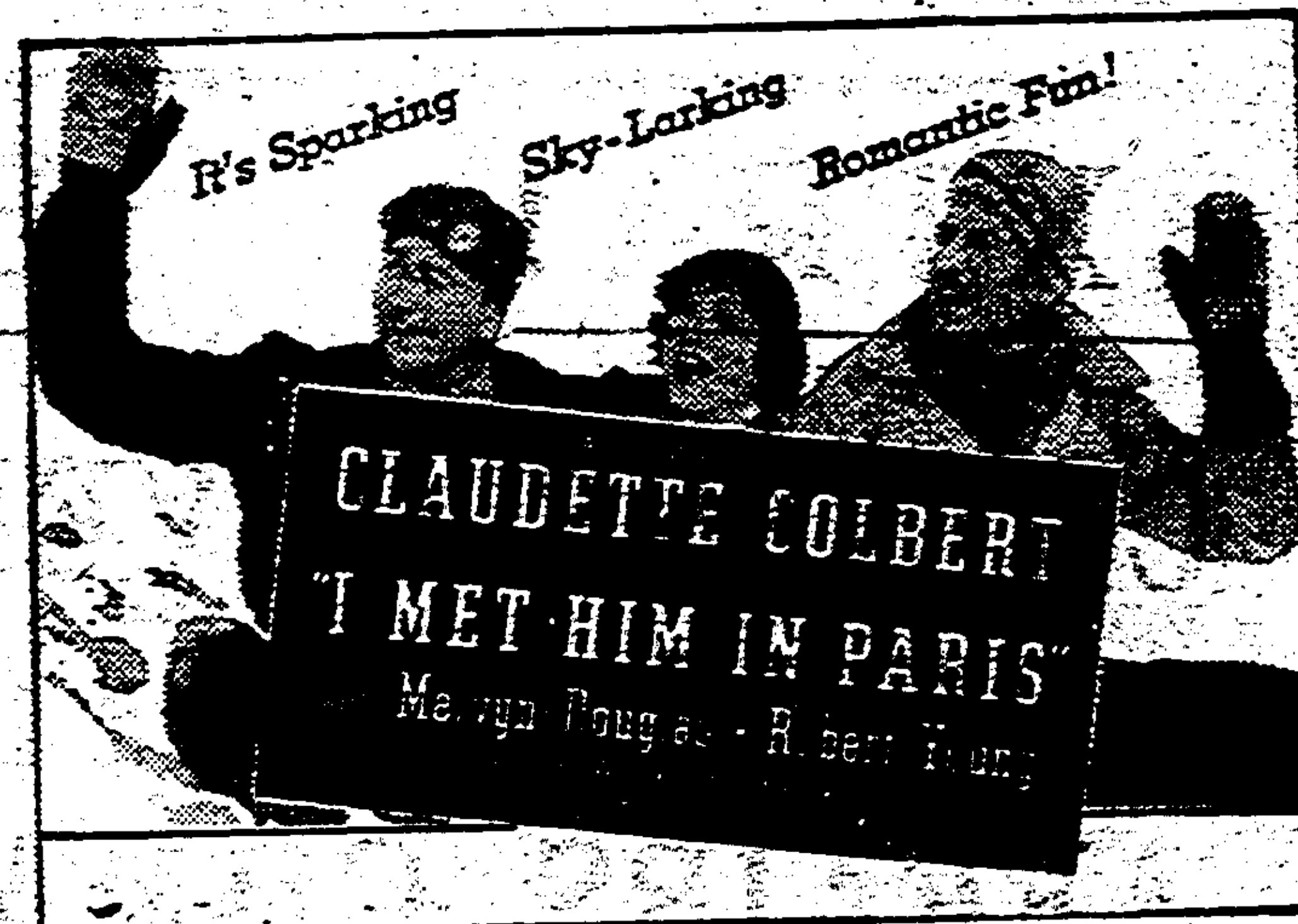
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MOVE FOR ACTION BY POWERS

London, To-day.

Judging from the amount of attention given in the English press to the proposal made by Mr. Stanley Bruce (Australia) at Geneva for an international conference to discuss the situation in the Far East, it appears highly probable that the move was made in accord with certain British political quarters.

The "Daily Herald" speaks of the likelihood of all interested Powers being shortly invited to attend a conference of this kind, with London as the most suitable venue.

There is reason for assuming, the paper says, that this Australian suggestion was made with the knowledge and approval of the British Government.

LONDON INVITATIONS

Invitations would be sent to the signatories of the Nine-Power Pact, as well as to the British Dominions, Russia and Germany.

Mr. Vernon Bartlett, the well-known publicist, in a despatch from Geneva to the "News-Chronicle," also speaks of the possibility of a conference of this kind being convened to deal with the Sino-Japanese war, and expresses the view that the British Government would greatly welcome it.—Trans-Ocean.

30,000 FRESH TROOPS LAND IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.

Another five Japanese transports arrived at Shanghai yesterday, disembarking about 4,000 men.

According to reliable estimates the Japanese have landed over 30,000 troops in Shanghai in the past ten days, as well as large quantities of war material.—Trans-Ocean.

AMBASSADOR COMING TO HONG KONG

Shanghai, To-day.

The British Ambassador to China, Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen in an exclusive interview with Reuter this morning, said he was leaving hospital to-morrow (Saturday).

He will stay with Brigadier Telfer-Smollet until he sails with his family on October 1 on a tour of the Netherlands East Indies, from which he will return at the end of November.

Propped up on pillows, his face drawn but cheerful, the Ambassador was having his leg massaged when interviewed by Reuter.

PARALYSED FOR A WHILE

Asked how he was, His Excellency replied, "The fact that I am leaving hospital shows how well I am doing, but the bullet went through here (pointing to his side) and the shock was terrible."

"I was paralysed for a while but now feeling is coming back."

Asked whether he could hear firing from the hospital, the Ambassador replied, "Oh, yes, clearly. I think I hear some now." (The Japanese were then sending an occasional shell into Pootung and dropping a few bombs there).

COMING TO HONG KONG

Sir Hughe said he was uncertain how he would go to Hong Kong, but he is to board the Empress of Asia in the Colony and tranship to the J.C.J.L. liner Tjisdane at Manila.—Reuter.

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QUEEN'S THEATRE

PARIS NAVAL DISCUSSION

London, To-day.

British naval experts for the Paris technical talks under the Nyon arrangement will leave London during the weekend and conversations with the French and Italian experts will open on Monday.

The British delegates are Vice-Admiral Sir William James, Captain T. Phillips, accompanied by Paymaster Captain Pertwee and Commander Robuck.

The experts are to study the necessary modifications to the arrangement already in operation to allow of Italian participation.—British Wireless.

STAUNCH CHINESE DEFENCE AT PAOTING AND TSANGCHOW

Reports Of Retreat Shown To Be Inaccurate

JAPANESE SETBACK ON BOTH FRONTS: LOSSES HIGH

Tientsin, To-day.

The Japanese offensive south of Peiping and Tientsin is apparently not making the progress that was originally expected, judging from latest reports from the front.

The Japanese have pushed forward to the immediate vicinity of Paotingfu and Tsangchow, but reports of the retreat of Chinese troops from the Paotingfu-Changchow defence line and the capture of Tsangchow itself by the Japanese, are known here to be inaccurate.

This is actually indicated by an official Japanese communique, which admits that the Chinese resistance is stubborn.

The fight the Chinese are putting up in defence of Paotingfu has induced the Japanese command to make an attempt at outflanking the Chinese forces.

Apparently the first objective in this move is Tsangchow, on the Manchang-Paotingfu road, about 10 kilometres west of Paotingfu, while the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, against which the Japanese forces are now being concentrated.

On this sector the Japanese are relying to a great extent on aerial bombardment of the Chinese lines of communication and fortified base positions.

It appears that chief part in defence of Tsangchow has been borne by detachments of the 29th Army, which at the outbreak of hostilities was driven from the Peiping-Tientsin area.—Trans-Ocean.

TRENCHES FLOODED

Nanking, To-day.

The Japanese claim to have smashed the centre of the Chinese defences near Paotingfu, but military operations are being seriously hampered by heavy rain and trenches in both sides are flooded.

Rain, combined with Chinese resistance, is also holding up the Japanese at Shanghai, where the invaders are reported to be awaiting yet further reinforcements before launching their major offensive.—Reuter.

CHINESE LINES INTACT

Tientsin, To-day.

Large numbers of Japanese casualties are coming back into Tientsin from the Tsangchow region. Losses round Paotingfu are reported to be heavier. The Japanese have suffered a setback on both fronts. Once yesterday they proclaimed the capture of Paotingfu, but later cancelled the communique and claimed success in the centre. Chinese reports, however, indicate that their lines are intact.—Our Own Correspondent.

FLANK ATTACK

Peiping, To-day.

The Japanese right wing yesterday reached the region south of the

Manchang-Paotingfu road, about 10 kilometres west of Paotingfu, while their centre began a flanking movement against the walled city from the north-west.

Paotingfu is not only the headquarters of the Chinese forces in North China but also the strongest garrison in North China.

The city was formerly the seat of the Hopei Provincial Government and is the site of the famous military academy attended by nearly all Chinese generals, including General Chiang Kai-shek.—Trans-Ocean.

HEAVY ARTILLERY REACHES CHINESE

Japanese Moving With Caution

Tientsin, To-day.

Only small skirmishes are taking place between the Peihan and the Tsinpu railway lines.

The Chinese resistance is undoubtedly more formidable now that the first detachments of Central Government heavy artillery have arrived, and the Japanese are feeling their way with caution.

Meanwhile the Japanese are endeavouring to organise the occupied areas politically.

The Japanese military authorities have established a pro-Japanese "Committee for the Preservation of Peace" for the Peiping-Tientsin region.

Kao Ling-wei, former chief of the Tientsin Customs office, has been appointed Chairman.

A similar committee has been formed at Tatung.—Trans-Ocean.

HUGE OIL FIRE— ON 'FRISCO RAILWAY

San Francisco, To-day.

Thirty-eight fire engines were used yesterday for putting out an oil blaze on a San Francisco railway siding.

Altogether 80,000 gallons of oil were burnt, and the safety of neighbouring factories was jeopardised by the fierce conflagration.—Reuter.

JAPAN CLAIMS TO BE AT WALLS OF PAOTINGFU

Shanghai, To-day.

After severe fighting for two days, the Japanese troops claim to have almost reached the walls of Paotingfu, fall of which they say is momentarily expected.

During the fighting, two Japanese planes were shot down north of Paotingfu by anti-aircraft guns which went into action in North China for the first time.

Shantung Province was brought within the scope of hostilities when Japanese naval aircraft bombed Tsining and Yenchow.

The action is regarded as significant, as hitherto the attitude of General Han-Fu-chu to the Sino-Japanese conflict has been doubtful.—Reuter.

IMPERIAL PREFERENCE FEARS

London, To-day.

The National Union of Manufacturers has sent a memorandum to the Government expressing anxiety lest the Government should be prepared, for political considerations, to modify the system of Imperial Preference at present obtaining. Fears are said to be based on the pronouncements of the Foreign Secretary, and other members of the Government.—British Wireless.

Demonstrators last night smeared the walls of the Italian Consulate with red paint.—Trans-Ocean.

FRENCH LODGE PROTEST ON TUNIS RIOTS

Paris, To-day.

The French Charge d'Affaires in Rome has made representations at the Italian Foreign Office regarding the disturbances at Tunis, following the visit of an Italian naval training ship.

He informed Count Ciano that three Italian sailors were arrested by the French authorities and were being charged with the murder of a member of the anti-Fascist organisation, whose distribution of pamphlets is alleged to have excited Italian midshipmen and sailors to acts of violence.—Reuter.

CONSULATE SMEARED

Tunis, To-day.

The man killed in the Tunis riots was buried yesterday, the funeral being marked by demonstrations.

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NEUTRALITY

LETTER TO
THE EDITOR

Sir,—It is unnecessary for me to dilate on the horrors and sufferings caused by the present Sino-Japanese conflict. Descriptions of the mutilation and slaughter—inflicted by the aircraft, battleships and other military machines of a Mighty Military Nation in an undeclared war—of innocent men, women and children, are now the inevitable features of our daily newspapers.

With all the damaging effect on trade as the result of a "blockade" in connection with an "incident," with incessant and unsatiable demands on a dwindling purse, we naturally find it more and more difficult to satisfy our innate sense of charity. And yet I feel that there are many in the Colony who would like to donate something to the various local Chinese Relief Organizations, if only they could feel that they could properly do so as subjects of Nations other than China, and enjoying the peace, order and security of a neutral British Colony. Indeed, I have often been asked of late as to the position of a "neutral" resident in the Colony.

Whilst I frankly disclaim any expert knowledge on the intricate subject of International Law, I ven-

ture to think that the answer to the question adumbrated above is not difficult, and, indeed, can readily be ascertained from any standard book on the subject. And in the hope that an elementary elucidation of the point in question may result in enabling many a resident to gratify the imperative dictates of his conscience, and thus to canalize all the diffused kindness, charity and humanity that so abundantly exists in the Colony, into a stream of sustained charitable effort in aid of all the terrible sufferings which have now been brought to our very doors, I beg to quote a few relevant paragraphs from Oppenheim's International Law, Volume II:—

"Such States as do not take part in a war between other States are neutrals." (p. 475).

"294. Since neutrality is an attitude of impartiality, it excludes such assistance and succour to one of the belligerents as is detrimental to the other, and, further, such injuries to the one as benefit the other. But it requires, on the other hand, active measures from neutral States. For neutrals must prevent belligerents from making use of their neutral territories, and of their resources, for military and naval purposes during the war. This applies not only to actual fighting on neutral territories, but also to the transport of troops, war material, and provisions for the troops, the fitting out of men-of-war and privateers, the establishment of Prize Courts, and the like. Further, neutrals must prevent each belligerent from interfering with their legitimate intercourse with the other belligerent through commerce and the like, because a belligerent cannot be expected passively to suffer vital damage resulting to himself from the violation by his enemy of a rule which, while it operates directly in favour of neutrals, indirectly operates in his favour as well.

But it is important to remember that the necessary attitude of impartiality is not incompatible with sympathy with one belligerent, and antipathy against the other, so long as these feelings do not find expression in actions violating impartiality. Thus, not only public opinion and the press of a neutral State, but also its Government, may show their sympathy to one party or another without thereby violating neutrality. Moreover, acts of humanity on the part of neutrals and their subjects, such as the sending to military hospitals of doctors, medicine, provisions, dressing material, and the like, and the sending of clothes and money to prisoners of war, can never be construed as acts of partiality, even if these comforts are provided for the wounded and the prisoners of one belligerent only." (pp. 476 and 477).

"296. As International Law is a law between States only and exclusively, neutrality is an attitude of impartiality on the part of States, and not on the part of individuals. Individuals derive neither rights nor duties according to International Law from the neutrality of those States whose subjects they are. Neutral States are indeed obliged by International Law to prevent their subjects from committing certain acts, but the duty of

these subjects to comply with such injunctions of their sovereigns is a duty imposed upon them by Municipal Law, not by International Law. Belligerents, on the other hand, are indeed permitted by International Law to punish subjects of neutrals for breach of blockade, for carriage of contraband, and for rendering unneutral service to the enemy; but the duty of subjects of neutrals to comply with these injunctions of belligerents is a duty imposed upon them by these very injunctions of the belligerents, and not by International Law. Although as a rule a State has no jurisdiction over foreign subjects on the open sea, International Law gives each belligerent an exceptional right to punish foreign subjects by confiscation of cargo, and in certain circumstances of the "vessel itself, in case their vessels break or attempt to break a blockade, carry contraband, or render unneutral service to the enemy; but punishment is threatened and executed by the belligerents, not by International Law. Therefore, if neutral subjects com-

mit such acts, they neither violate neutrality nor do they act against International Law; they simply violate injunctions of the belligerents concerned. If they choose to run the risk of punishment in the form of losing their property, this is their own concern, and their neutral home State need not prevent them from doing so. But to the right of belligerents to punish subjects of neutrals for the acts specified corresponds the duty of neutral States to acquiesce in the exercise of this right by either belligerent.

Apart from carriage of contraband, breach or attempted breach of blockade, and unneutral service to the enemy, which a belligerent may punish by capturing and confiscating the vessels or goods concerned, subjects of neutrals are perfectly free in their movements; and neutral States have in particular no duty to prevent their subjects from selling arms, munitions, and provisions to a belligerent, from enlisting in his forces, and the like." (pp. 478, 479 and 480).

Your truly,
M. K. LO.

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2. Compradore to Ulysses.

Sir, We are, very sorry. Our coolie reports that as he found your promises unoccupied, he left the birdseed with your next-door neighbour.

(Servant sent to next-door neighbour reports that they decline to surrender the birdseed, and prefer to instruct Compradore to come and take it away.)

3. Ulysses to neighbour.

Sir or Madame, A consignment of birdseed now in your possession belongs to me. I paid for it. The Compradore's fool of a coolie left it with you by mistake. I cannot understand why you should refuse to surrender what is not your property. I send receipt herewith. If not handed to bearer, I shall take further steps to recover it.

4. Ulysses to Compradore.

Gentlemen, I look to you to repair your blunder by recovering my birdseed from my neighbour or by sending me a substitute reply. Failing this I will consult my solicitor.

5. Neighbour to Ulysses.

Have handed your damned birdseed to your ditto servant. I dislike the tone of your damned letter. I claim entire freedom from blame in the matter. Your birdseed (how

was I to know it was yours till I saw the proof?) was left at my place without my knowledge or consent, and if its rightful owner had not proved title I would have requested the Compradore to take it away, failing which I would have put it in the dustbin, as I have no use for it.

6. Ulysses to neighbour.

Dear Neighbour, Sorry. I had a liver. The uncertified lunatics who serve me reported that you simply declined to surrender the stuff, and I was full of the injustice implied in the act of a person clinging to property he must know not his. Now that I understand the position I apologise, and regret the trouble and annoyance caused you.

7. Neighbour to Ulysses.

O.K. Regarding that liver, have you tried Blowfly's Deadeart Pills?

8. Compradore to Ulysses.

We understand from your neighbour that you now have your birdseed, and trust you are now satisfied. We regret that our coolie did what he did.

* * *

The above is very weak, I know, and, of course, does not reflect my undoubted skill as Hong Kong's premier humorist (self-appointed). The fact is that writing this column daily has proved a greater strain than I anticipated, so I will renew my offer, made several months ago, to accept a handsome donation from any man, woman or child willing to take over my burden.

Applications for the post of Ulysses (accompanied by crossed cheque) should be addressed to the China Mail Office.

SHRAPNEL LANDS IN ITALIAN CONSULATE

Damage Done In To-day's Raid Not Yet Known

EASTERN DISTRICT BOMBED

Canton, 8.35 a.m.

Intercepted by Chinese fighters in the vicinity of Bocca Tigris Forts last night, after an air raid alarm had been sounded in Canton at about 8.30 p.m., Japanese made a further attack on the city shortly after four o'clock this morning.

The objective of the onslaught appeared to be far to the east of the central district.

Only the dull thud of one bomb was heard by watchers from Shameen. This crashed well to the east and shortly afterwards the drone of engines was heard overhead and a single light was sighted making its way through the sky. It may have been a single machine or the leader of three in formation.

The plane apparently flew over Canton after completing a raid elsewhere.

After an hour and a half of uncertainty, the all clear sounded at 5.50 a.m.

Complete silence reigned in the city throughout the visitation and it came as a surprise when all-clear signal came to hear the murmur of hundreds of voices burst forth in relief from the Sha-kee Bund opposite Shameen, where, apparently, many Chinese had taken refuge, sitting calmly and quietly on the steps of buildings. Their control was splendid.

A hot fight took place over Bocca Tigris last night, according to a telephoned report, when ten Japanese raiders found themselves unexpectedly attacked. They finally turned and fled after losing one plane. It is understood, however, that they visited Fatshan, which they encircled for some time, dropping several bombs and causing many casualties.

Warning has been conveyed through the Consular Corps in Shameen, according to reliable sources, of Japanese intentions to bomb the Chinese section of the K.C.R. systematically. The attack was scheduled to begin to-day but latest reports suggest that a postponement until 10 a.m. on Sunday has been ordered.—Reuter and Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON SHOCKED BY YESTERDAY'S DISASTER

London, To-day.

Under headings such as "Most Frightful Air Raid Of All People Go Mad With Terror. Japanese Warplanes Swoop Down On Civilians. Streets Choked With Dead. Thousands Dead In Worst Air Raid. Canton Air Raid Havoc. Japan Shatters Canton," London evening papers print eye-witness accounts of yesterday's attack on Canton by Japanese bombers.

While the messages emphasise the estimates of terrible casualties among non-combatants are unofficial and will not be confirmed for considerable time, all agree in the statement that no military objectives suffered.—British Wireless.

FOUR BOMBS DROPPED

Canton, To-day.

It now transpires that four bombs were dropped last night in the eastern district, though the damage done is not known.

Large pieces of shrapnel in a recent raid landed in the Italian Consulate, which is situated in that section of the Tungshan district close to the Chinese anti-aircraft positions on a nearby rooftop.

Commander Guiseppe Ros, the Consul, and the Vice-Consul, Signor Mario Rocchi, are carrying on business as usual, but in the event of an aerial visitation, they take shelter in dugouts in their residence nearby. Nine Italian women and four children are due to-day from Nanchang, most of them being related to Italian airmen there.—Reuter.

RAILWAY THREAT

Shanghai, To-day.

A Japanese announcement says that to-day (Friday) Japanese planes will bomb the Canton-Hankow Railway line, and foreigners are warned not to travel by the line on or after to-day.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMANY MAKES SHOES OUT OF FISH SKINS

"Leather" made of fish skins, and claimed to be tougher than the hides of sheep and goats, is the latest discovery of German technicians.

The skin of the sea fish is said to be untearable and at the same time extremely soft after it has been treated. All fish can be used for this purpose.

The new product is now being manufactured in commercial quantities from cod, ling and other fish.

Shoes, gloves and handbags are some of the articles which are being produced. Fish-skin "leather" will dye any colour, it is claimed.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Japan" from Manila is due here at 7 a.m. on September 29 and will berth at Kowloon Wharf. She will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, via Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu at 6 p.m. on October 1.

RESIGNATION OF TURKISH PREMIER ACCEPTED

Istanbul, To-day.

It is officially stated that President Kemal Ataturk has granted the request of the Premier, General Ismet Inonu, to be relieved of his duties and has entrusted the Minister of National Economy, Jemal Bayar, with the task of forming a new Cabinet.

Ill health is said to be the reason for General Inonu's unexpected resignation.

Rumours that the Foreign Minister, Dr. Rushdi Aras, also intends to resign, have not been confirmed.—Trans-Ocean.

MALAGA CONSUL PROTEST

Paris, To-day.

The French Government has lodged a protest with the Salamanca authorities against measures taken by the Spanish Nationalists against the French Consul at Malaga in retaliation for the arrest of the Nationalist military governor of Irun.

The Consul has been forbidden by the Nationalist authorities to leave the consulate building.—Trans-Ocean.

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ASSURANCES AND EXAMPLE

The principle point of interest in the Japanese Note apologising for the wounding of the British Ambassador refers to the measures said to have been taken to avoid a repetition of such an outrage. The relevant paragraph states that instructions have been sent to the Japanese Forces in China to exercise the greatest care in safeguarding non-combatants, "it being the desire and policy of the Japanese Government to limit, as far as this can possibly be done, the dangers to non-combatants resulting from the existence of hostilities in China." Pious words which have been seized upon in an inspired study of the Note for an expression of welcome by the British Government and of the opinion that "this regrettable occurrence" will have the effect of ensuring greater care by combatants in future!

As it happens, the penchant of the Japanese Government for blunt contradiction of its diplomatic language by the course of its actions has more sharply impressed itself upon a horrified world than any such well-meaning politenesses. Even while the apology and the assurance were in transit to London, aeroplane engines were roaring over Canton and Nanking and hundreds of non-combatants were being ruthlessly slaughtered. On the day that the Note, with its explanations and circumlocutions, was officially released for the world's information, civilisation was being provided with yet another terrible example of savagery in Canton, thousands losing their lives yesterday morning in a systematic aerial bombardment which wreaked havoc in the thickly-populated poorer districts of Tungshan. Reuter told the grim story of death and devastation in the final edition of the "China Mail" yesterday and repetition is not necessary. There was, however, one specially significant sentence which can never be over-emphasised. "All to-day's scenes," Reuter's correspondent wrote, "represent the result of the bombing of non-combatants and it is impossible to surmise what the Japanese objectives must have been." The facts are so plain, however, that surmise is possible. What can Japanese announcement of intention to attack military objectives be but thinly disguised notification of determination to destroy life and property in an effort to break down Chinese morale? The events of this week have furnished an example of barbarity and mass murder which surely car-

ries no precedent in modern history.

Japan would probably quibble over this description, just as she quibbled over the exact location of the British Ambassador's car when it was attacked. Foreign opinion, however, will demand some clearer indication of innocence than mere protestation before it consents to a change. In the meantime, Tokyo may ponder the fact that every bomb that drops not only lends new vigour to China's "No Surrender" defiance of the worst Japan can do, but adds to the growing international conviction that it cannot go on. Nothing has been more striking than the swift change of outlook in the United States. Washington papers which endorsed scuttle and run a week ago to-day proclaim Japan's Nanking warning to have been a high impertinence and point the logic of events. Gestures (such as the newest American protest) are no match for guns.

What is needed is a definite stand by Pacific Powers in concert. There is not one that can afford to act independently. But jointly they could compel Japan to heed even at this date.

Seats In Parks

Sir Philip Sassoon, First Commissioner of Works in the British Government, is dissatisfied with the appearance, and comfort, of the free seats in the Royal parks; and he has invited the public to send donations toward providing seats of a new and better design, which he has had drawn up.

There is no denying that his judgment in the matter is sound: the seats at present do their duty in a stiff, uncompromising fashion with but little respect for the person. Acquaintance with them is never likely to prolong itself into the kind of affection that made Eliza Cook ex-

I love it — I love it, and who shall dare

To chide me for loving that old arm-chair!

There are not enough free seats to go round in the rush hours, and the designer, influenced possibly by a consideration akin to Shakespeare's statement that:

...weariness

Can snore upon the flint, when resty sloth

Finds the down pillow hard,

may have endeavoured to make the seats selective of themselves. This, however, was to ignore one of their chief functions: they are not occupied only to counteract fatigue, but often as an aid to exercising the mind.

They are, furthermore, coigns of vantage; and though to make them so rigorous as to enact that one but the brave deserves to sit is a sort of poetic justice — since it demands an insensitiveness in the onlooker to match that which is forced upon the human object of his contemplation — it is unfair in this case. For, alas, the rule is abrogated for the wealthy privilege is enthroned — two pence secures a luxurious deck chair!

The new seats, of unstained oak, can hardly fail to be more attractive than the old; and they will, we hope be comfortable enough to fulfill all their functions. In any event, if they cannot hope to rival the ease of deck chairs, they can be depended on to confer greater dignity on their occupants.

FRANCO-ITALIAN TALKS

Assurances Against Sending More Troops To Spain

LONDON WELCOMES TREND OF THE DISCUSSIONS

London, To-day.

The Franco-Italian talks at Geneva yesterday, which were the subject of an informal talk between the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, and the French Ambassador, M. Charles Corbin, yesterday morning, are welcomed in London.

It is reported that the Italian delegate, Signor Bavaoscoppa, stated that Signor Mussolini would be willing to give assurances that he would not send more Italian troops to Spain, and British circles hope that the vital question of withdrawing volunteers may be reopened soon.

It is understood that the French Foreign Minister, M. Yvon Delbos, spoke very frankly to Signor Bavaoscoppa about the misgivings which maintenance of a large Italian army on the other side of the Pyrenees would create in France.—Reuter.

WITHDRAWAL DISCUSSION DENIED

Geneva, To-day.

It is understood that the question of withdrawal of Italian volunteers from Spain was raised in the course of the talks between the French Foreign Minister, M. Yvon Delbos, and the Italian delegate, Signor Bavaoscoppa, but Italian circles deny that Italy has embarked on negotiations for their withdrawal.

They point out Signor Mussolini's previous declaration that volunteers are now under General Franco's orders, and suggest that the matter should be appropriately discussed at the non-intervention committee or with General Franco.—Reuter.

EDEN-CORBIN TALKS

London, To-day.

Informed quarters here state that the conversation between Mr. Eden and M. Corbin, which followed immediately on a conversation between the Foreign Secretary and the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, was not confined to Mediterranean problems but extended to the question of volunteers in Spain.

It is affirmed that M. Corbin expressed the standpoint of the French Government that further Italian reinforcements for General Franco could not be tolerated under any circumstances.—Trans-Ocean.

BALEARIC ISLES

No Italian Intention Of Occupation

London, To-day.

It is understood that the future of the Balearic Isles was among the points of discussion between the French and Italian delegates at Geneva.

According to reliable quarters, the Italian delegate reiterated that Italy has no intention of occupying the Balearic Islands, has no territorial aims whatsoever in Spain, and will not send further troops to Spain.

The talks are regarded as a necessary preliminary to the naval experts' conference to be held in Paris and the situation is considered to be very much more hopeful.—Reuter.

BRITAIN ALSO GIVEN ASSURANCES

London, To-day.

Assurances that Italy would send no more "Volunteers" to Spain, similar to those which, it is understood, were given to M. Delbos at Geneva by Signor Bavaoscoppa were, it is learned, confirmed in Rome yesterday by the Italian Foreign Minister to the British Charge d'Affaires.

The British Government has been kept informed of the conversations between the Italian Permanent Delegate at Geneva and the French Foreign Minister and in London these exchanges and the prospects they hold out of Franco-Italian discussions which might lead to wider agreements on Spain are naturally welcomed.

The Nyon Arrangement, in which it is hoped Italian collaboration will now be forthcoming, has made an important contribution towards restoring the situation at sea, resulting from the Spanish conflict and it should be possible, as a result, to take up again the question, on the importance of which the British Government have never ceased to lay stress, namely, the withdrawal of foreigners engaged on either side in the civil war in Spain.

DISTINCT ADVANCE

If friendly discussions between the French and Italian Governments can make easier progress on this question the view in well-informed circles in London is that the way would be opened up for a distinct advance in general European appeasement.

At the same time, there is no disposition to underrate the difficulties still to be overcome. But the difficulties become less formidable when tackled with goodwill and it is in that connection that London sees the potential importance of the developments of the last few days.—British Wireless.

TEMPERATURE IN THE STRATOSPHERE

London, To-day.

A balloon which was sent up at Nottingham and reached a height of eight miles into the stratosphere registered the amazing low temperature of 97 degrees Fahrenheit below freezing point.

The balloon was sent up by British Association scientists and landed in Lincolnshire.—Reuter.

ITALIAN TERRORIST SENTENCED

Ceret, To-day.

An Italian terrorist, Gardella, who is alleged to have been concerned in the recent bomb outrages in Paris, was yesterday sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

Gardella gave evidence that when he lived in Italy, a Spaniard named Armando Ruiz had asked him on behalf of General Franco to perpetrate a series of bomb outrages in France.

Being out of work he agreed and went to Marseilles, where he met an Italian named Carlo Altomonte.

SEVERAL BOMBS

Altomonte, he said, gave him several bombs and asked him to blow up the Spanish Consulate at Toulouse and the military hospital at Perpignan, but he refused.

Ruiz and Altomonte were each sentenced to five years' imprisonment in their absence.—Reuter.

GERMANY'S EXPLANATION

Geneva, To-day.

Germany's inability to accept the invitation to sit on the advisory committee on the Sino-Japanese conflict is due to her general attitude to the League.

This statement was contained in a Note from the German Consul-General at Geneva acknowledging the invitation.—Trans-Ocean.

NINE-POWER SIGNATORIES TALK AND TALK

Washington, To-day.

It is authoritatively learned that the United States and other leading signatories of the Nine-Power Pact have been exchanging information concerning their activities in respect of the Sino-Japanese conflict in the last few days.

It is stated, however, that the United States has made no move towards invocation of the Treaty and has not been informed of any intentions of so doing on the part of the other signatories.—Reuter.

County Rugger

London, To-day.

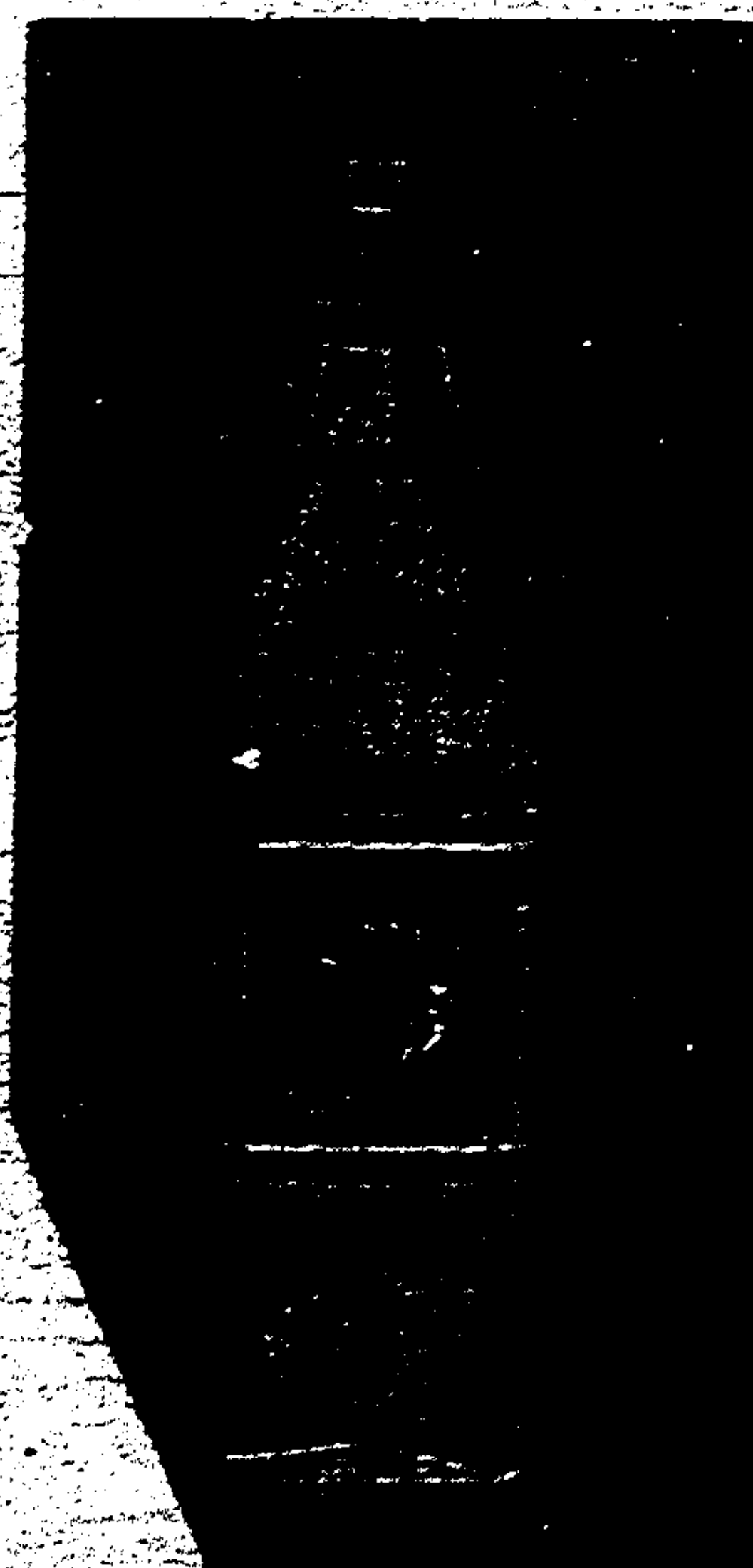
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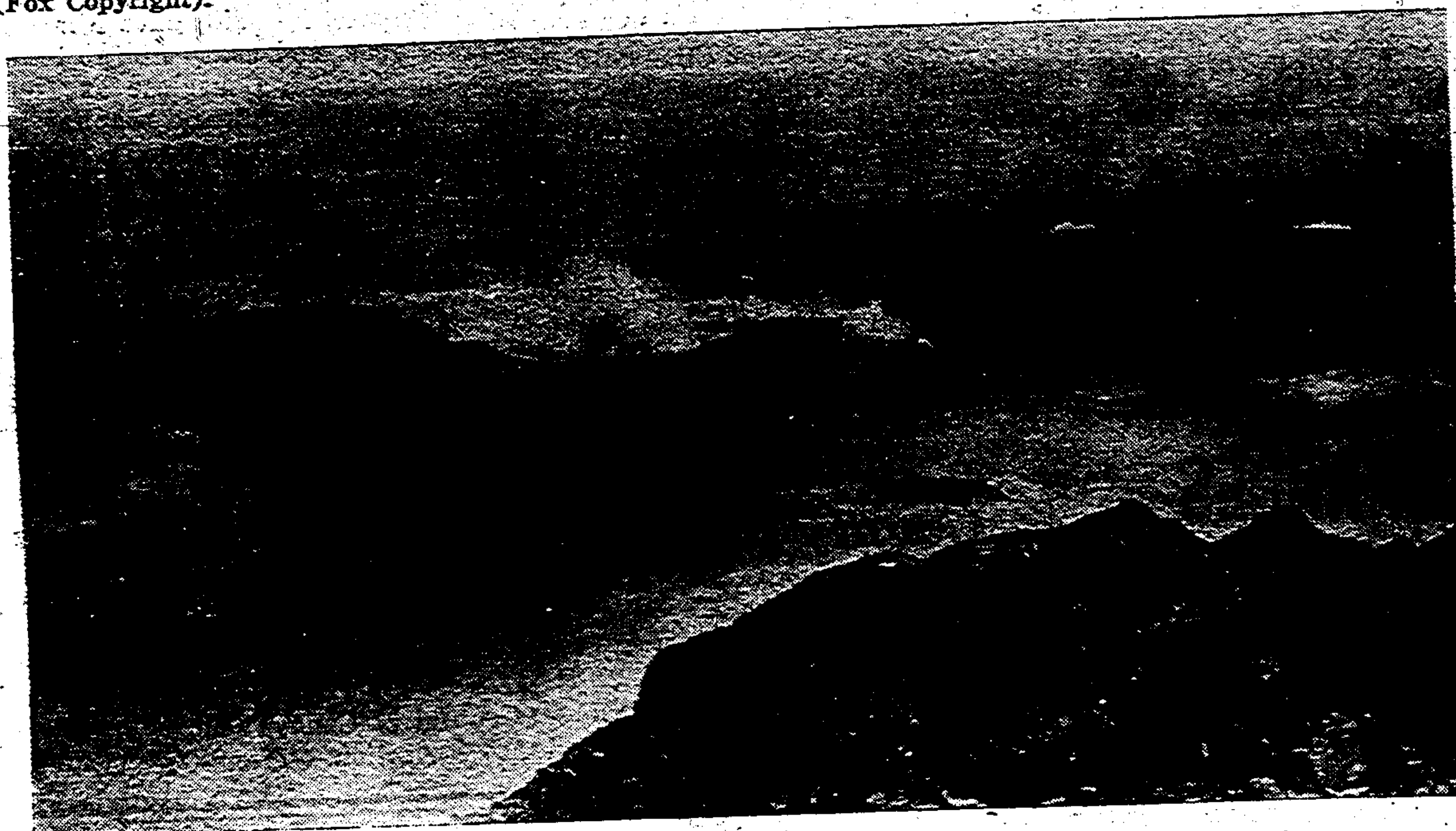
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Track and jumping events have always been popular with schoolgirls, but a movement is afoot in England to interest young girls in the most graceful of sports, javelin throwing. Mrs. Millichap (Miss Florence Birchborough), well known as a former athlete, is doing her bit by coaching girls in the art of javelin throwing. (Fox Copyright).



All that remains visible of the Italian steamer Aida Lauro, which was battered to pieces by angry seas after she had gone ashore at Castle Point, between Cape Cornwall and St. Just. (Fox Copyright).

CONFUCIUS' Japanese Air Extended A Over China

Nanking

Japanese air raids in the past 48 hours extended all over China, Chufu, the Confucius, being among the dozen killed.

Thirty Japanese planes bombed Forts, down river from Nanking, for

It is reported that an anti-aircraft silenced and that a Chinese warship damaged.

A number of bombs fell on the and women's hospital at Siensien.

The Bishop's residence and the hit but there were no casualties.

British and other consular strongly protested to the Japanese at

It is not yet possible accurately to damage and casualties in Nanking day's raids.

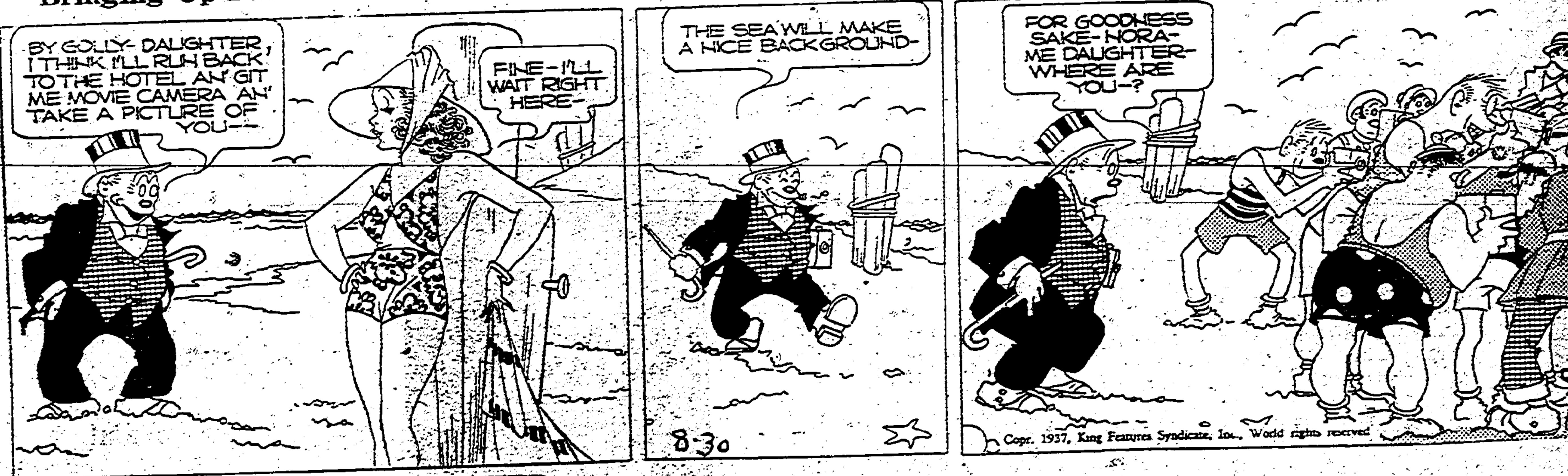
One Chinese report puts the number of dead at only 20 and 30 injured, apart from 100 Chinese killed in the refugee camp outside the city.—Reuter.

PLANES FAIL TO REACH NANKING

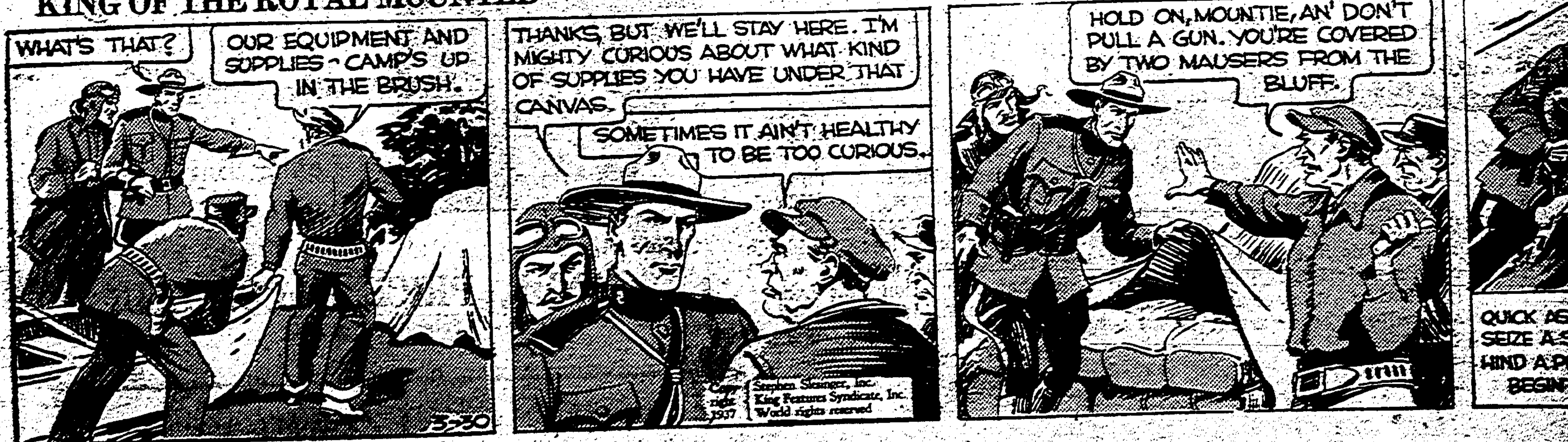
Shanghai, To-day. Heavy rain is possibly the reason for Japanese failure to repeat the bombing of Nanking, though yesterday 20 Japanese planes flew from their bases round Shanghai towards the capital.

They did not reach Nanking, however, but dropped their bombs at Kiangyin.—Trans-Ocean.

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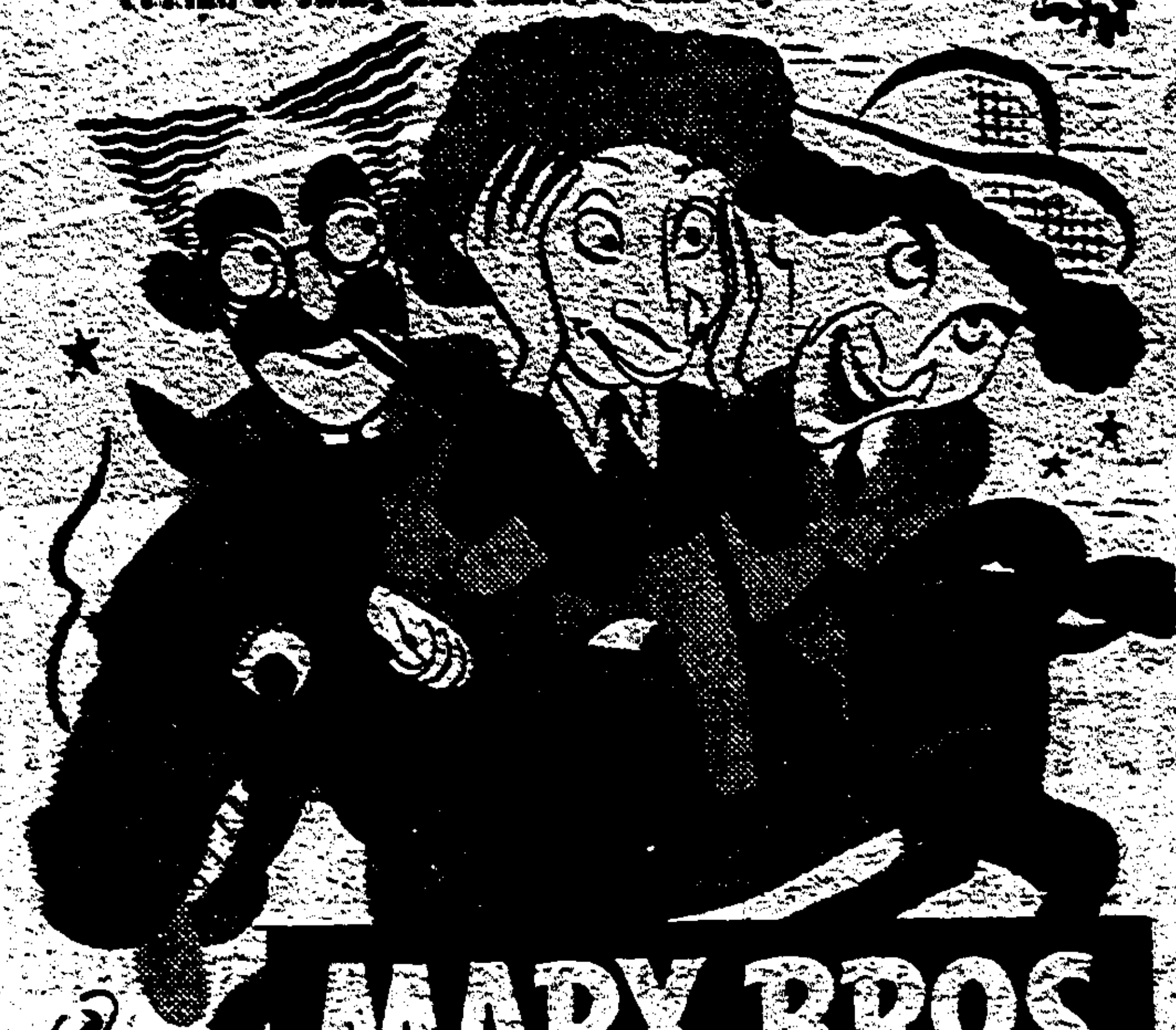


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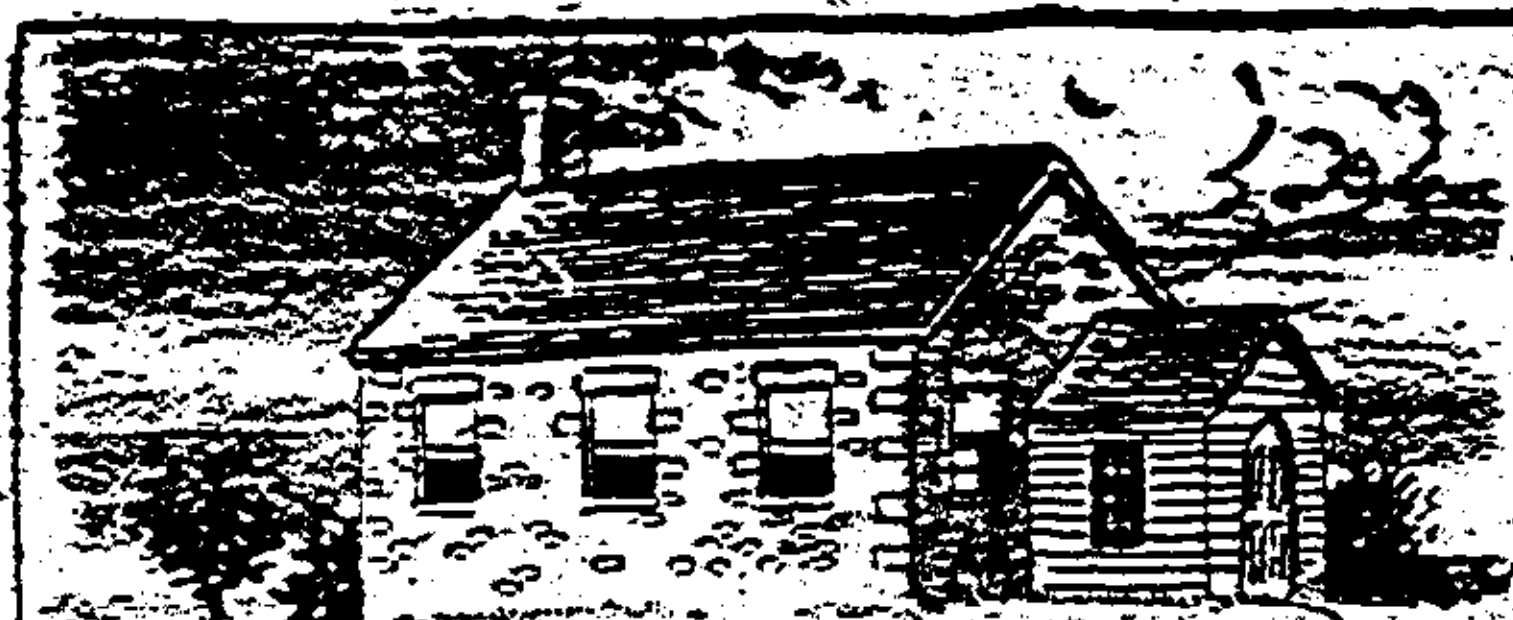
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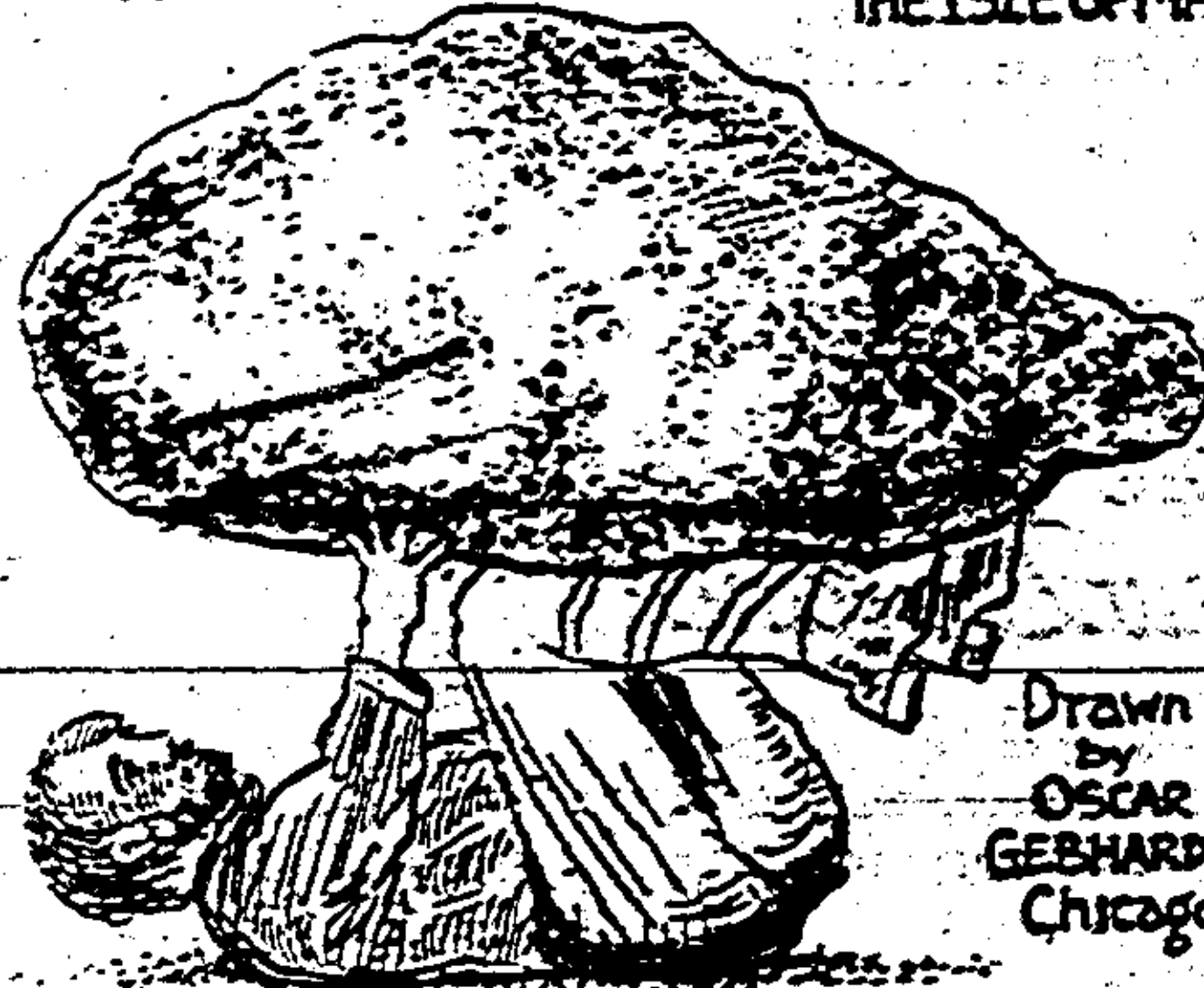
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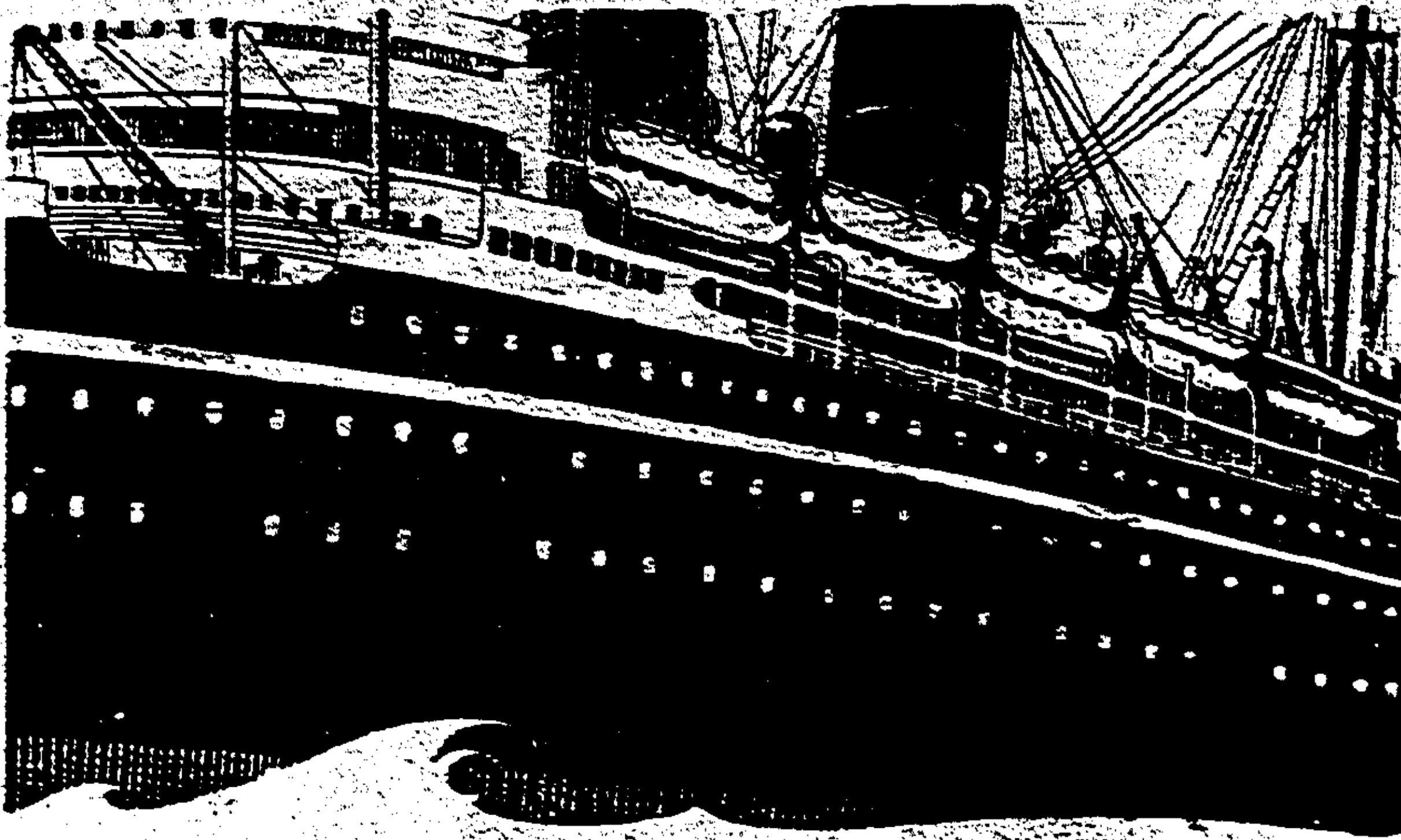
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Reg.	Reg.	Sept. 24, 5 p.m.
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Shanghai	Shantung	Sat, Sept. 25, 4.30 p.m.
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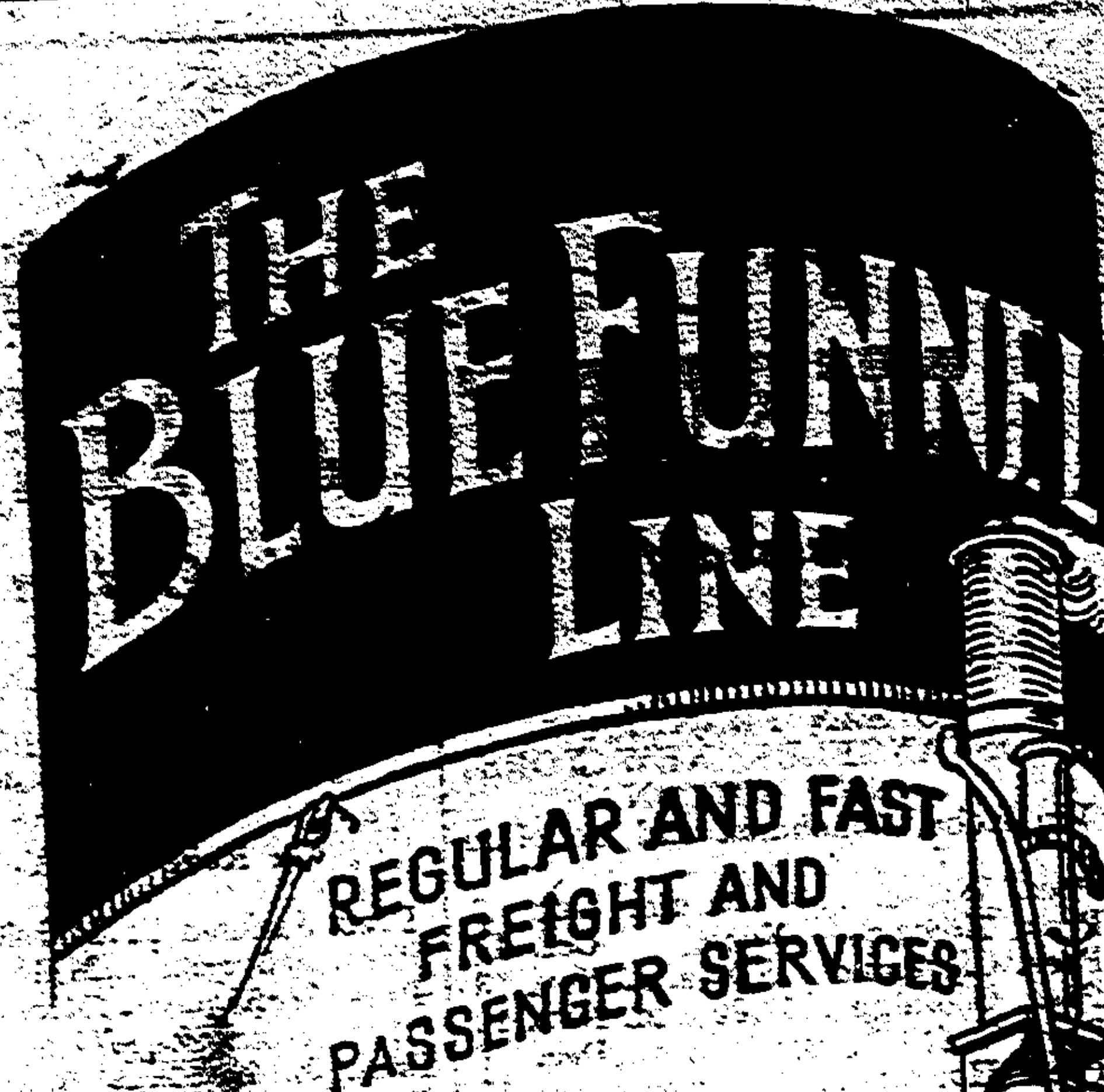
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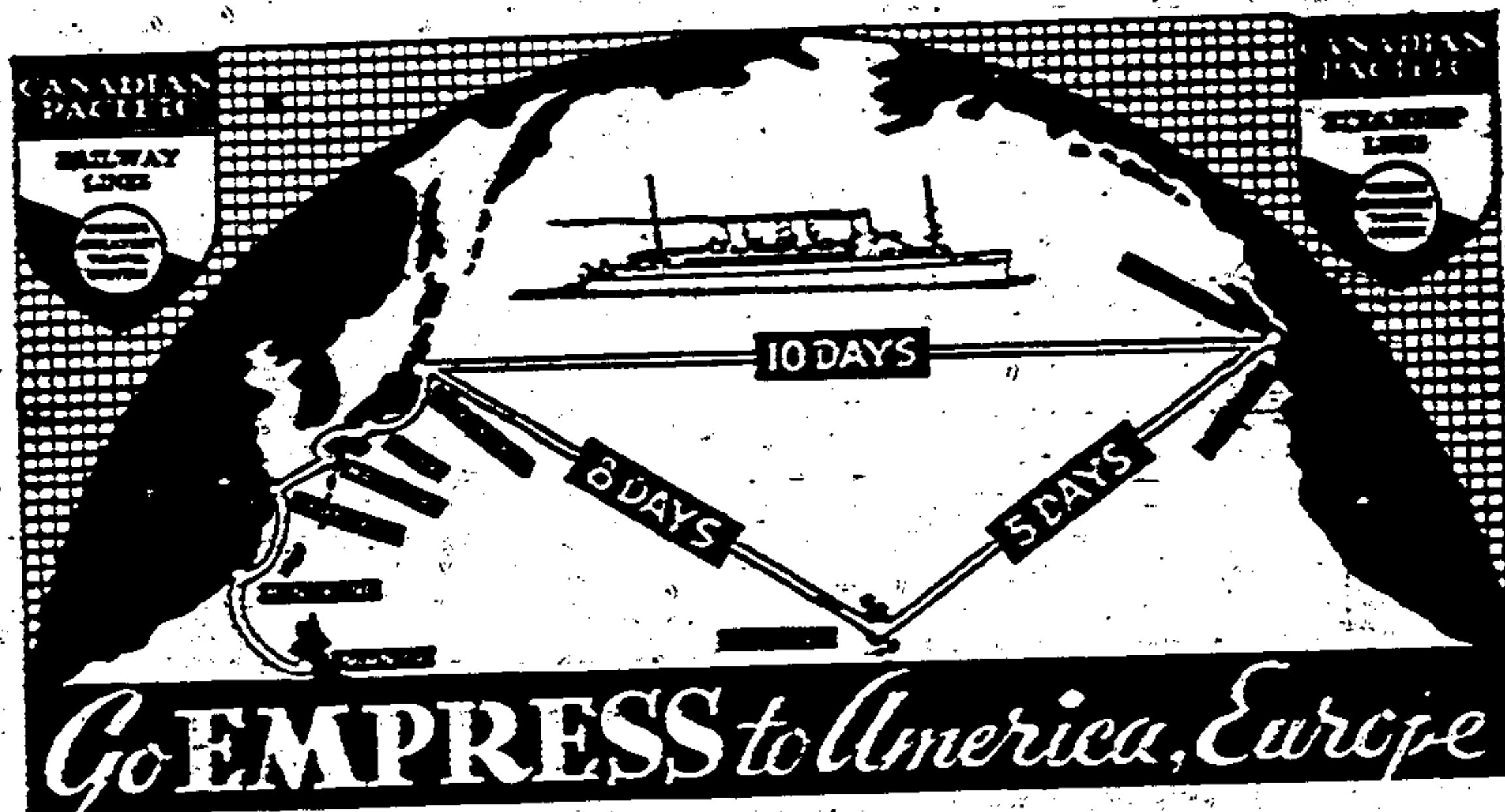
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The man might have been uninjured had he only slept on, and not raised his head. But when the engine and several carriages had passed over him, the insane man appears to have raised his head, and in doing so, was injured on the head. When the train was halted, he was found under the last but one carriage. He was taken out and conveyed in the same train to Palyagala South, where he was transferred to the up train to be taken to the Kalutara Hospital.

American's Long Trip For Autograph

An American fresh from Southampton stepped out of the train at Waterloo, hailed a taxi and asked the driver to take him to the film studios where Gracie Fields was working.

The driver told the visitor Gracie was appearing at Blackpool. "Take me there now," came the order.

Driver and passenger duly arrived at the Blackpool Theatre where Gracie was appearing and the American asked if a package could be taken into Miss Fields for "autographing." It contained gramophone records of her songs.

Gracie autographed them and didn't know until after he had gone that the owner had travelled 3,000 miles to get her signature.

He went straight back to London.

Local estate, valued at \$10,300, was left by Ng Huen, alias Ngan Tsat, who died at No. 99, Fuk Wah Street on November 6, 1936. Probate of will has been granted to Ngan Kwong-shi, Ngan Kan-shi and Ngan Hong-nin.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:

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London, To-day.

A delegation of British miners, headed by Mr. Joseph Jones, will leave shortly for Moscow for a study of domestic conditions in Soviet Russia.

The delegation has been invited by the Russian Miners' Trade Union—Trans-Ocean.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate of the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/27 1/2.

"Spot" silver was quoted at 19-15/16 and "forward" at 19-13/16.

The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at \$—U.S.\$4.95 and the New York on London cross-rate at \$—U.S.\$4.94-11/16.

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Spot 29-3/8 b. down 1/8.

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Salamanca, To-day.

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ROB ROY AND DAYLIGHT EVE FOR THE RACING DOUBLE TO-MORROW

Lancashire Chips Will Be Conceding 32 Lbs.

THREE PROMINENT JOCKEYS WILL NOT BE TAKING PART

MESSRS. PROULX AND PIH HAVE GOOD MOUNTS

(By "RAPIER")

THE resumption of racing to-morrow at the Valley, after the Summer recess, will once again provide keen followers of the turf with the pleasure of being able to enjoy their favourite sport amidst delightful surroundings. The weather looks very promising, and there are indications that the meeting to-morrow will attract a very satisfactory attendance.

In a programme of nine events, six are over short distances, the results of which will depend to a great extent on the start. It is generally agreed that the draw for positions is a matter of paramount importance, which should be carefully considered, in addition to which it will be worth while to bear in mind the jockeys who are capable of getting away quickly immediately on the rise of the barrier.

The rails have been shifted from their original position, and, despite the rain of the past week, the grass track is certainly looking in splendid condition, which should add materially to keen competition and fast times being recorded.

It is indeed a pity that three of our most popular jockeys will not be available to-morrow, due to injury and sickness. It will be recalled that Mr. L. P. Ralph met with an accident as a result of being thrown by Sylvandale, and Mr. P. P. Botelho had his shoulder dislocated whilst riding at Macao. Then comes Mr. Don. Black, who entered hospital over a week ago with a carbuncle on his thigh, and although he was discharged last Saturday he will not be able to ride to-morrow.

However, I express the hope that it will not be long before we shall have the pleasure of seeing these three in action again.

With the list of jockeys so badly depleted, it is pleasing to note that to-morrow's meeting will mark the appearance of Messrs. B. L. Tao and K. S. Shu, both jockeys of repute from Tientsin, and they will be accorded a hearty welcome.

TWEED ISLAND BAY HANDICAP: "B" CLASS CHINA PONIES, ONE MILE.

To pick the likely winner from the list of ponies entered for this event is no easy problem, as practically all of them have won a race before.

Over the distance from the Two Mile Post, Potentate created a sensation by winning the Canton Handicap at the Second Extra Race Meeting, and paid the colossal dividend of \$477.40. It will again be ridden by Mr. W. G. Poy, and at 143 lbs. its chances of winning certainly look promising, especially as the distance is more to its liking.

Other ponies to be considered are: Expansion Time (Mr. S. C. Liang).

Havoc Eve (Mr. Y. T. Fung).
Harvest View (Mr. B. L. Tao).
King's Justice (Mr. H. C. Pih).
I believe that Potentate is cap-

able of winning, with King's Justice second, and Havoc Eve third.

CORROBOREE HANDICAP: (ABOUT 5 FURLONGS).

This race is confined to "A" Class Australian ponies, and in the absence of Strathroy, Lancashire Chips (Mr. Benny Proulx) has been given top weight of 165 lbs., conceding no less than 32 lbs. to Double Finesse (H. C. Pih). These two ponies clashed in a race over six furlongs at the Fifth Extra Race Meeting, when, after an exciting battle, Lancashire Chips won by a head in the good time of 1.17 1/5 secs.

Double Finesse, however, has on a previous occasions let its backers down very badly through bad starting but if Mr. Pih should succeed in getting Double Finesse off without trouble to-morrow, I am confident it will beat Lancashire Chips, which should fill second place, with either Aztec or Ranger taking the other minor position.

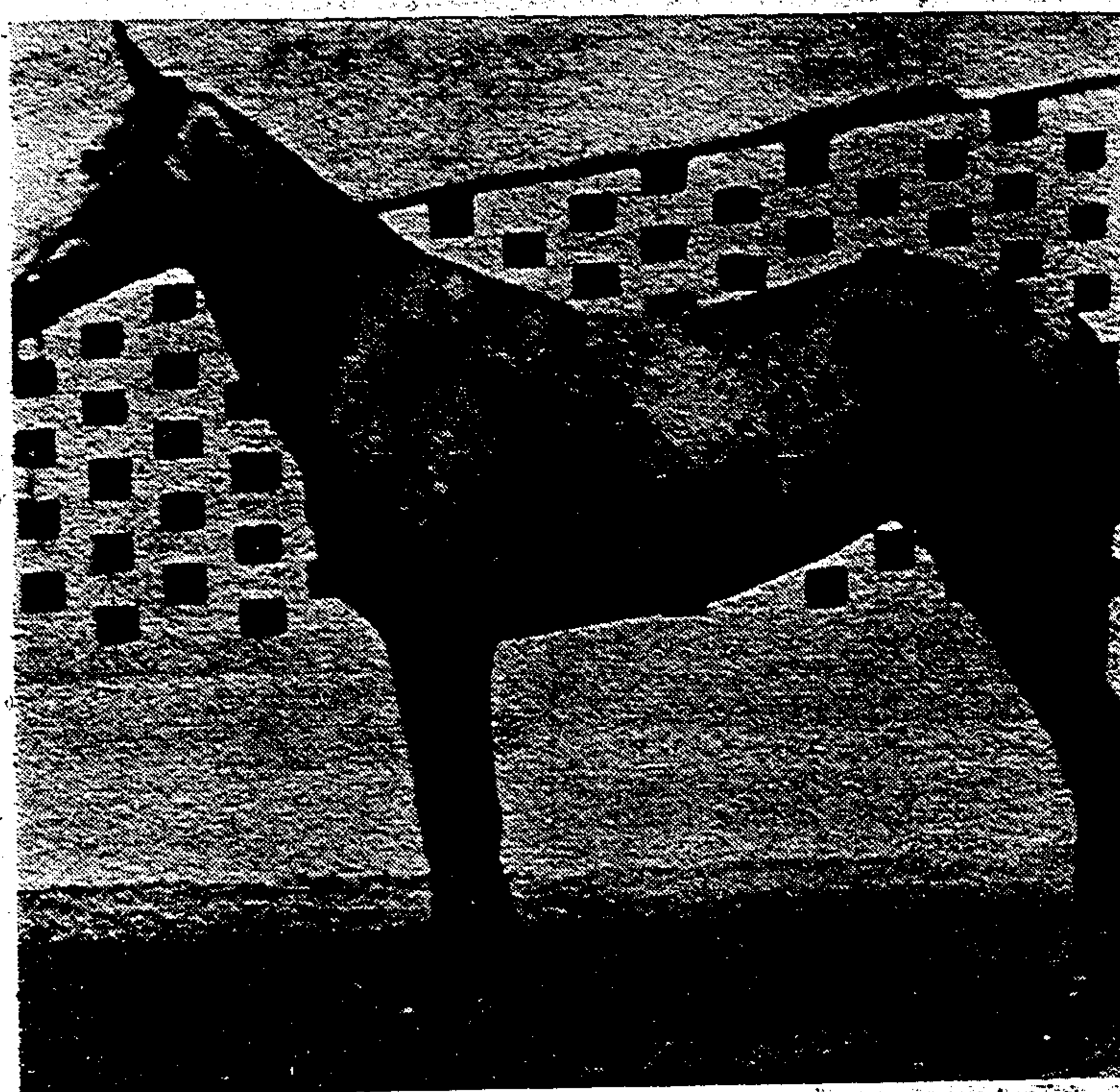
Able Amazon (Mr. Ip Kui Ying) will find the pace too fast, and the same remarks apply to Courting Eve (Mr. Y. T. Fung).

The result of this race should be most exciting, with Double Finesse as my choice for a win.

SUB-GRIFFINS AUTUMN PLATE: 1 1/4 MILES.

Having been allotted the colossal burden of 176 lbs. I believe that the owners of Gordito will not send it out in this race, and in its absence it looks to me as if National Anthem (Mr. H. C. Pih) should have a big say at the finish. In fact, I am inclined to think it will win on account of its performance in coming in second to Gordito in the Coronation Cup over a mile.

I nominate Whalsey (Mr. Benny Proulx) for second place, leaving Tempest (N. Deitz) and Shipmaster (Mr. S. C. Liang) to fight out the third position.



Mr. L. Dunbar's Commencement Bay (Mr. C. L. Gregory) is expected to win the Island Bay Handicap (second section) over six furlongs to-morrow. ("Mail" photo).

For those who prefer an outsider, I suggest keeping Tabby Cat (Mr. Y. T. Fung) in mind, as this pony has been well trained and is now in fine fettle. Tabby Cat also prefers a long race, and over a 1 1/4 miles, stamina is the main consideration.

VAUCLUSE HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS.

In this race for "B" Class Australian ponies, it will be difficult to spot the likely winner, although many will place their faith in Blandford on account of its win over Racing Heart in the Charters Towers Handicap at the Fourth Extra Race Meeting.

However, I prefer Racing Heart (Mr. Proulx), which is very fit at the moment, with Blandford (Mr. N. Deitz) second and Perfect Day (Mr. S. C. Liang) third.

In view of Strathcarrick's disappointing form at previous outings I can hardly be expected to recommend it for a win, but there is no doubt, however, that this pony has been improving to a great extent, and a win sooner or later is indicated.

ISLAND HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS: (FIRST SECTION).

This is the first leg of the Daily Double, and Apilas and Boolat Bay are due to go out at 168 lbs. I doubt whether they will accept.

Rob Roy, carrying 158 lbs., and ridden by Mr. Proulx, won the Customs Handicap (First Section) over the same distance at the Fifth Extra Race Meeting, beating Amberley and Bistre. It will be called upon to carry 7 lbs. more to-morrow, and in spite of the increase in poundage I still believe that it has a good chance of scoring another win.

The most dangerous opposition will come from Vira, as this pony is fast over six furlongs. Kum Shan (Mr. K. S. Shu) is also speedy, and Amberley (Mr. Y. T. Fung) is quite capable of winning.

CLEAR WATER BAY STAKES: (ABOUT FIVE FURLONGS).

In this race for "E" Class China ponies, I recommend Ebony Idol (Mr. Proulx), as it came in third to Tabby Cat in the Nanling Handicap at the Sixth Extra Race Meeting. Carrying 168 lbs. on that occasion, it was a good performance

for Ebony Idol. King's Parade (Mr. H. C. Pih) should fill second place, with Emergency Call (Mr. B. L. Tao) coming in third. Although it has disappointed on several occasions, Philanderer (Mr. Y. T. Fung) may spring a surprise here.

JUNK BAY HANDICAP: ONE MILE.

The result of the second leg of the Daily Double will be decided in this race, which will be ridden by Novice Jockeys, and punters will be presented with a difficult problem to solve.

Several ponies have been given top weights of 168 lbs. but I am inclined to think that Daylight Eve (Mr. C. L. Gregory) at 159 lbs. has the best recommendation. It will be carrying 13 lbs. more than when it last won a race, but it is a free mover and this factor is important in a race ridden by Novice Jockeys.

The other ponies to watch are Plain View (Mr. K. I. Ip), Valorous (Mr. W. G. Poy), with Zero (Mr. A. D. Coppin) as an outsider on account of its light weight.

GOSFORD HANDICAP: (ABOUT FIVE FURLONGS).

Confined to "C" Class Australian ponies, which is instituted for the first time, an interesting finish should eventuate.

Violet Queen (Mr. N. Deitz) will have an opportunity to score a belated win. It did nothing of note during the first half of the racing season, but it should come in first in this class. Twilight Star (Mr. Ip Kui Ying) is the next best bet, but it must also be borne in mind that Boronia Belle (Mr. Proulx) is a fast moving animal and if it can take the lead there will be no catching it.

ISLAND BAY HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

SIX FURLONGS:

This race will wind up the day's programme, in which Commencement Bay (Mr. C. L. Gregory) should have no difficulty in winning. This pony, however, is more suitable for a longer race, but in view of the opposition it should not be fully extended, except, perhaps, by Night View (Mr. Y. T. Fung).

Gordito (Mr. S. C. Liang) should be placed and Rose Evelyn (Mr. N. Deitz) may be worth following for a place also.

INTERPORT LAWN BOWLS REGRETS

BUT "SKIP" OFFERS SOLUTION

BRILLIANT DISPLAY BY C. E. ROZA PEREIRA

THIRD DIVISION "DUEL"

(By "SKIP")

THE penultimate Lawn Bowls League match of the season took place last Saturday and the position of runners-up to the Civil Service Club, in the Third Division, depended upon it. Although it was rather an obscure honour, a good deal of interest was taken in the match which was played at King's Park. As regards the Skip's table, both Charlie Roza-Pereira and Sam Houghton were in a position to gain second place to Rakusen, but by the luck of the draw they were opposed to each other so it became a battle royal!

The honours, both in the match itself and in this "private war," went to the homesters, who, after an anxious time, eventually got home by 11 shots. Roza Pereira was the hero of the day as, opposed as he was to the visitors' leading exponent, he secured the biggest win of the day.

He was in great form and was largely responsible for the victory, but due credit must be given to Carvalho, his third man, who also did well. Dr. Asger, leading for Kowloon Tong, played some very good draws, but was not consistent and with Howard only moderate, Houghton had rather too much to do.

The man who impressed me most for the winners was a very keen bowler in C. M. Silva! His game, as Number One to Charlie Alves, was superb and he was on the jack most of the time.

His opposite number, J. L. Stephens, stuck to his task well, but the home player out-shone him by his brilliance.

GOOD INDICATION

D. C. S. Alves was good, whilst the home skip's buoyant spirits helped to secure a small victory against B. Basto, whose rink appeared to be very strong. Jimmy Wong was useful as second man, Simpson more than that as third, and the visiting skip was also in good form! The close result—there were only three shots in it—was a good indication of the home rink's superiority.

A. H. Basto enjoyed the sole success for the visitors, and had the better of H. A. Botelho by nine points. Gregory showed great promise at No. 2 and will develop into a more than useful player if his progress continues.

Harry Gittins, at three, gave adequate support to his skip who, though brilliant in places, did not impress by his consistency. The remark applies with equal force to Botelho who, I thought, was too disinclined to be "up among them." Eddie Souza more than pulled his weight as third man to Botelho, and some of his shots deserved a better fate.

INTERPORT REGRETS

General regret was expressed when it officially became known that this year's Interport matches have had to be cancelled. For some time now this has appeared more than likely, but as hosts, the H. K. L. B. A. was naturally not anxious to suggest that such a course be taken.

The Aitkenhead Shield match on Saturday October 2nd, will presumably be the last official function under the auspices of the Association, but I put forward a suggestion that

the Closing Day, (which should not necessarily be the same date as the Annual Dinner) be celebrated by staging a match against Shanghai bowlers at present in the Colony.

I am given to understand that there are quite a number of these, but have of course, no figures available. By means of notices in the papers and general scouting round, it should be possible to find out who the fellow-bowlers amongst us are, and invite say six rinks to play an exhibition match (for it could not even aspire to "Un-official Interport" status) against six rinks selected by the H. K. L. B. A.

LOCAL RINKS

As regards the local rinks, these could be selected by the Interport Selection Committee, and might either be an indication of who would or might have been selected for the trials, or else could be made up of a certain number of players from every club. The latter course would probably produce a better game and might induce more of our visitors to send their names in, as it is not likely that comparative novices would want to be shown up against the full strength of Hong Kong.

Many of these Shanghai bowlers would be glad of an opportunity to have a roll up, a pleasure which is denied those who, for very good reasons, have not joined a bowling club since their arrival here. Some clubs have, I know, made their greens available to these players, but not all of them are able to secure a game.

The financial side of the question need not cause the Association much concern! It would be a happy thought to have a spoon struck as a souvenir, but apart from that the only cost would be that of the teas! The other side of the refreshment question would no doubt be gladly attended to by the Hong Kong players selected for the honour of playing.



C. ROZA PEREIRA

C. E. Roza-Pereira, above, Club de Recreio Third Division skip, has now finished second in the Third Division Skip's table.

EASTERN'S SOCCER VICTORY

Beat Weak Police Eleven

With only five members of their regular team available the Police did well to lose by the only goal scored in a practice soccer match with Eastern at Happy Valley yesterday.

The substitutes for the absentees could hardly be called brilliant, with the possible exception of Brothwell in goal, who saved several stinging drives from the Eastern forwards, and Millington at right back, but there was much enthusiasm.

Despite having only ten players the Police held their opponents to a goalless first half, but shortly after the resumption of play Dack Lee seized an opportunity from the left to beat Brothwell with a powerful close range drive.

TSUI WAI-PUY ELIMINATES CRAWFORD

CONCEDES ONLY TWO GAMES

RUMJAHN BEATS SULLIVAN

(By "REFEREE")

Tsui Wai-pui scored a convincing win over A. Crawford in their replayed quarter-final match in the Hardcourt Singles Championship at the U.S.R.C. yesterday, winning in straight sets with the loss of only two games in the first set, while Sirdar Rumjahn proved the better of A. L. Sullivan in their replayed quarter-final match, winning by 6-3, 6-3.

With the exception of some sparkling tennis by Tsui Wai-pui, the standard displayed by the other players was disappointing, Crawford being outplayed by his Chinese opponent, and also unfortunately had some bad decisions given against him. Tsui's beautifully produced strokes, however, were much too good for the K.C.C. player, who collapsed badly in the second set. In the other encounter, Sullivan threw away glorious opportunities by his inability to move about the court quick enough and was beaten by sheer speed, while his weakness at the net also played its share in his downfall.

SPARKLING TENNIS

Sirdar Rumjahn was very steady and as usual, rallied strongly towards the finish when sparkling driving on both hands and fine volleying at the net swept the U.S.R.C. player off his feet.

Tsui Wai-pui will now meet E. C. Fincher in the top half semi-final of the Singles, while Sirdar Rumjahn will encounter his cousin "H. D." in the bottom half of the draw.

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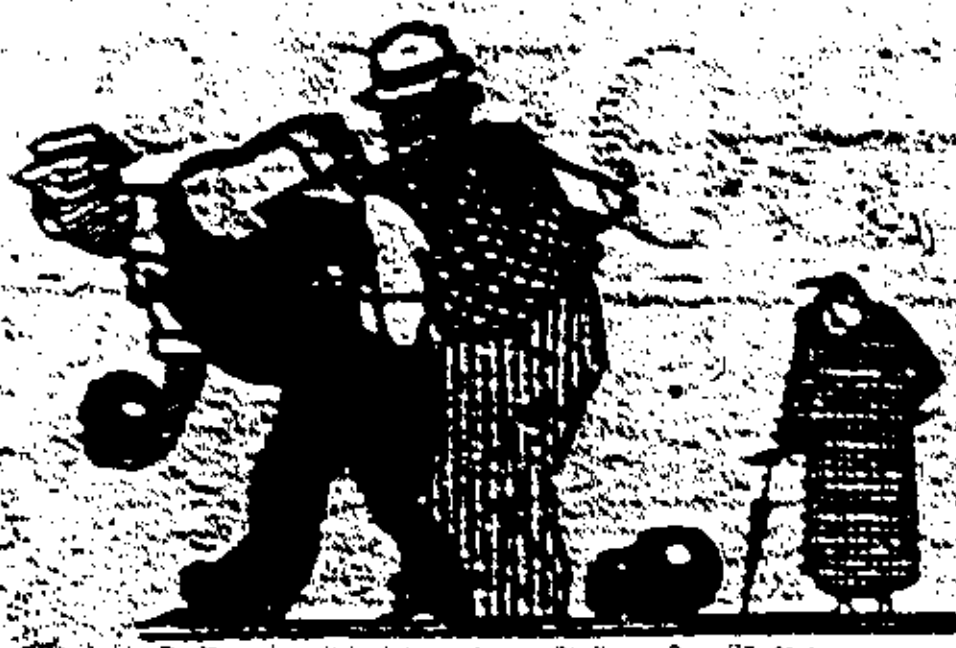
LAST LEAGUE TIE TO-MORROW

MY "SWAN SONG"
NEXT WEEK

(By "SKIP")

The last League match of the Lawn Bowls season will take place at the Kowloon Football Club to-morrow, and although very little depends upon the result, a keen game should be seen as their opponents are their old Soccer rivals, the Hong Kong Football Club.

Neither team has fared very well in the League, being just clear of the bottom peg, with an equal number of points scored, but I favour the home team to win.



Next Friday I shall sing my "swan song" and propose to give a full review of the season's games commenting where necessary on the play and progress of individual players.

H.K.F.C.

E. Casey, W. J. Buller, V. Walker and J. H. Gelling (Skip).
W. Kershaw, J. Barnes, H. G. Wallington and G. E. Stephens (Skip).
S. W. Cressey, F. H. Glover, F. P. Anslow and P. Morgan (Skip).

K.F.C.

T. White, J. Boyes, J. Smalley and J. Gibson (Skip).
A. Lapsley, J. Dobson, C. Turney and J. Watson (Skip).
R. Hall, W. Mackie, T. Fergusson and R. Lapsley (Skip).
Reserves:—W. Furey and S. Hankin.

EIGHTH EXTRA RACE MEETING

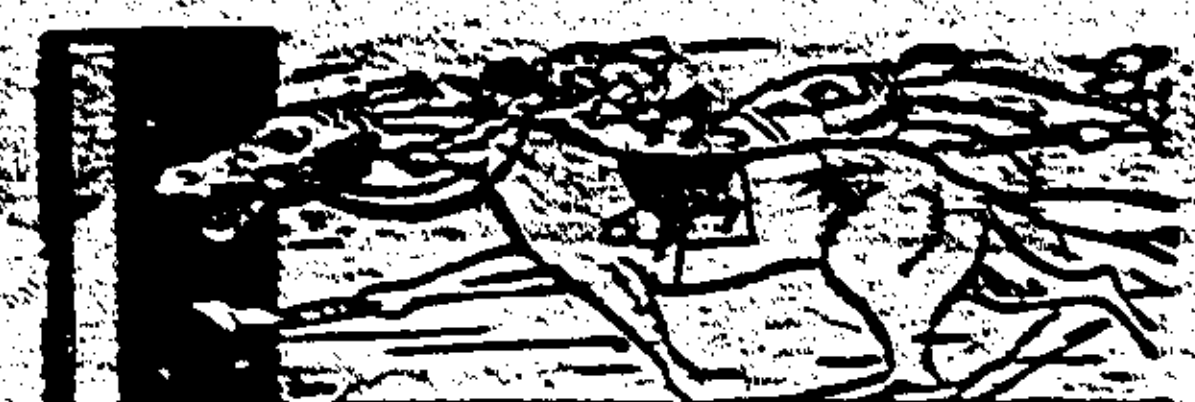
PROGRAMMES OVER
TWO DAYS

The following is the programme for the Eighth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday and Monday, October 9 and 11, at Happy Valley:—

FIRST DAY

1.—2.00 p.m.—Carnarvon Handicap.—Winner \$500. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies, Griffins of this Season. Winners of more than \$1,500 in stakes, barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

2.—2.30 p.m.—Jordan Handicap.—First Section.—Winner \$450. Second \$225. Third \$125. For China Ponies, "D" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. From the Two Mile Post Once Round & In.



Note:—One Entry only will be made for the Jordan Handicap (Races Nos. 2 and 6). Entries will be divided into First and Second Sections at the discretion of the Handicapper.

3.—3.00 p.m.—October Handicap.—Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One and a Quarter Miles.

4.—3.30 p.m.—Canberra Handicap.—Winner \$500. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Subscription Ponies, "A" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. From the Two Mile Post Once Round & In.

5.—4.00 p.m.—Nathan Handicap.—Winner \$550. Second \$275. Third \$175. For China Ponies, "B" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One and a Quarter Miles.

6.—4.30 p.m.—Jordan Handicap.—Second Section.—Winner \$450. Second \$225. Third \$125. For China Ponies, "D" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. From the Two Mile Post Once Round & In.

7.—5.00 p.m.—Katoomba Handicap.—Winner \$500. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Subscription Ponies, "C" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

8.—5.30 p.m.—Austin Handicap.—Winner \$500. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies, "C" Class. Griffins of this Season that have won \$1,500 or less in stakes, barred. To be ridden by Jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time. No Whips or Spurs allowed. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

Daily Double Event:—Fifth and Seventh Races.

Entries close at noon on Thursday, September 30, 1937.

SECOND DAY

1.—2.00 p.m.—Kiangsi Handicap.—First Section.—Winner \$500. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies, "C" Class. Winners at this Meeting, barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. From the Two Mile Post Once Round & In.

Note:—One Entry only will be made for the Kiangsi Handicap (Races Nos. 1 and 3). Entries will be divided into First and Second Sections at the discretion of the Handicapper.

2.—2.30 p.m.—Kwangsi Handicap.—Winner \$550. Second \$275. Third \$175. For China Ponies, "B" Class. Winners at this Meeting barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. Six Furlongs.

3.—3.00 p.m.—Double Tenth Plate.—Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance \$5. From the 1½ Mile Post (About 5 Furlongs).

4.—3.30 p.m.—Hunan Handicap.—First Section.—Winner \$450. Second \$225. Third \$125. For China Ponies, "D" Class. Winners at this Meeting, barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. Six Furlongs.

Note:—One Entry only will be made for the Hunan Handicap (Races Nos. 4 and 6). Entries will be divided into First and Second Sections at the discretion of the Handicapper.

5.—4.00 p.m.—Cantala Handicap.—Winner \$500. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Subscription Ponies, "B" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. From the Two Mile Post Once Round & In.

6.—4.30 p.m.—Hunan Handicap.—Second Section.—Winner \$450. Second \$225. Third \$125. For China Ponies, "D" Class. Winners at this Meeting, barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. Six Furlongs.

7.—5.00 p.m.—Fukien Handicap.—Winner \$450. Second \$225. Third \$125. For China Ponies, "E" Class, and Subscription Griffins of this Club of this Season that have not won more than \$600 in stakes. Winners at this Meeting, barred. To be ridden by Jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time. No Whips or Spurs allowed. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

8.—5.30 p.m.—Kiangsi Handicap.—Second Section.—Winner \$500. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies, "C" Class. Winners at this Meeting, barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. From the Two Mile Post Once Round & In.

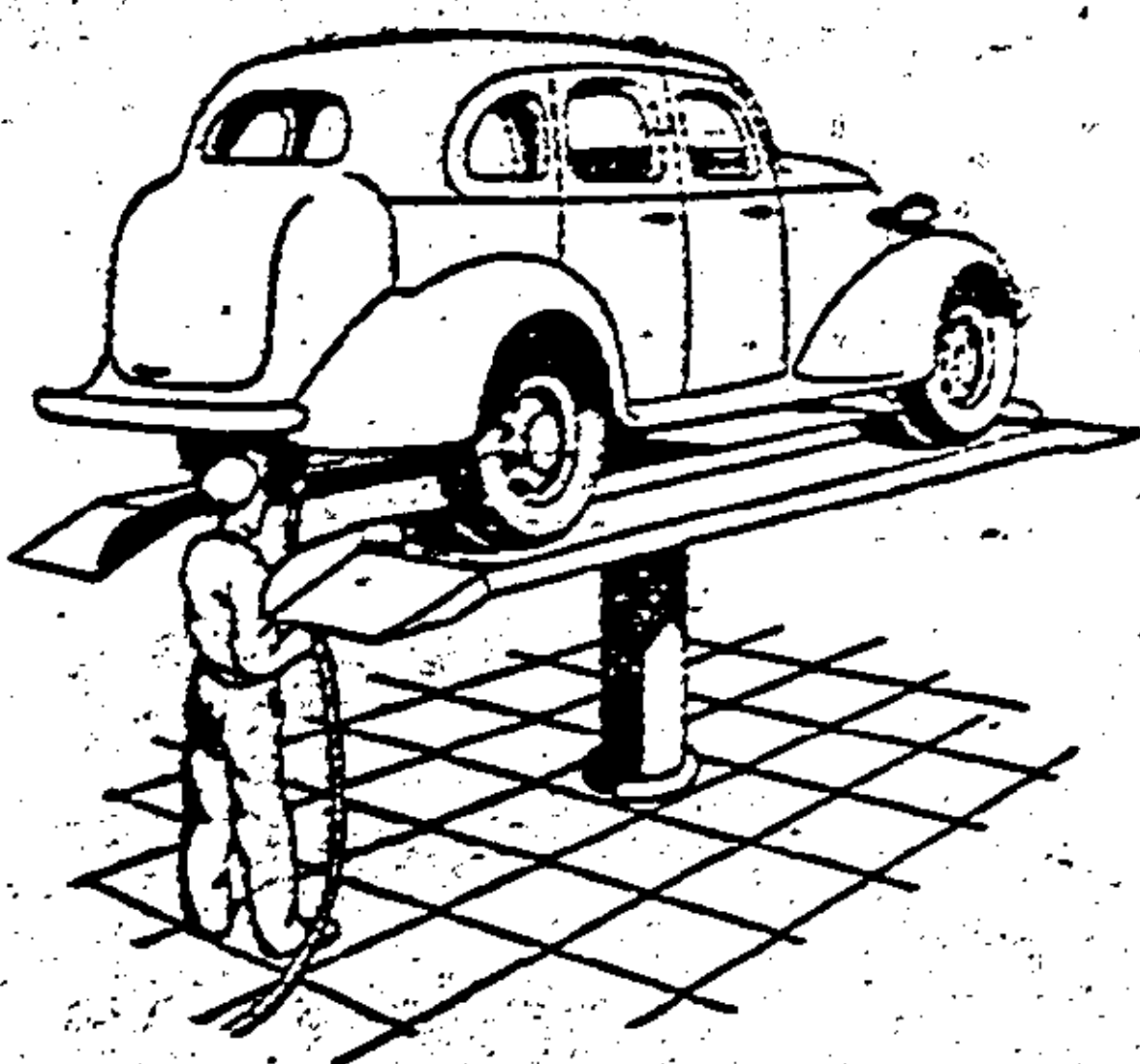
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INDIA SHOULD SECURE WIN IN GUTIERREZ SHIELD

OMAR WILL PROBABLY DECIDE ISSUE

FINAL NEXT SUNDAY

(By "SKIP")

WITH no prospects of an Interport contest, the competitive side of the lawn bowls season virtually terminates with the final of the Gutierrez International Shield next Sunday afternoon. The Aitkenhead Shield match is, of course, yet to be played, but with 96 players taking part in it, the competitive element is somewhat reduced and it has (I am pleased to say) developed into just a big happy day with a gratifying lack of that seriousness, which is inevitable where singles, pairs or rinks honours are at stake.

THE CONTESTANTS AT CLUB DE RECREIO ON SUNDAY ARE INDIA (A. R. MINU, D. M. KHAN, A. M. OMAR AND U. M. OMAR) VERSUS ENGLAND (S. A. BRIGHT, S. RANDLE, A. W. GRIMMITT AND J. HOLLIDGE) AND THE GAME, AT WHICH A LARGE CROWD IS EXPECTED, COMMENCES AT 3.30 P.M.

India, it will be remembered beat China in the First Round, after having not nearly as easy a time as many expected, and then eliminated Scotland, conquerors of Portugal, last week. England, on the other hand, knocked out Ireland, in the First Round, following this up with a victory against the Philippines, who had a good performance in eliminating the strong Malayan team in the earlier round.

On form India will start as favourites, and England's team will have to be at its best to achieve their success of last year. I criticised the team when it was selected and without in any way eating my words, I think that with the will to win, they could pull this match off.

KEY MAN

Bright showed improved form in last Saturday's match and Minu will not have a walkover as lead. Randle might well prove the key man of an English victory! Many bowlers consider the number two to be the most important man in the rink and in this position England has a definite advantage. I think Khan though quite a useful lead, is not up to the local International standard.

At third man, the honours should be about even! On the one hand we have in A. M. Omar, a player who is trying to earn his laurels and on the other hand, a player who reached his peak in 1934, and is still as brilliant at times, but not with quite the same consistency as before. The superiority experience in skill and temperament will be with the Englishman, but I expect "A.M." to be not far behind when

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PROBABLE MATCH WINNER

Considering the way Omar is playing this season, it is not at all disparaging to Hollidge to say that the former will have the better of matters, and it is this end of rink which will be the turning point in the Indians favour.

Well as Hollidge has played in the earlier rounds, (and I might say that he has surprised a lot of people by some of his brilliant shots) I think that Omar is far more consistent and a real match winner!

The following shows how they reached the Final:—

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Portugal beat Switzerland

FIRST ROUND

India beat China

England beat Ireland

Scotland beat Portugal

Philippines beat Malaya

SEMI-FINAL ROUND

India beat Scotland

England beat Philippines

K.C.C. FINANCES IN BETTER POSITION

President's Appeal For
More Practice

ANNUAL MEETING

An appeal that players should indulge in more practice was made by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell yesterday, when he presided at the annual general meeting of the



Kowloon Cricket Club.

Mr. Justice Lindsell said:

There is one point in connection with all games which I desire to emphasise. It is impossible to shine or even maintain a reasonably steady standard at any game without constant practice and I am told there is a lack of it in the

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Club, especially in bowls. I do exhort all keen players of this Club to make a point to turn up for practice at least two days a week, other than match days.

Turning now to the working account, the first figure that strikes the eye is that our balance of expenditure is in excess of income by \$376. In case of any disappointment I hasten to add that the outgoing committee and myself regard this result as eminently satisfactory since an analysis of the whole account and balance sheet show that so far as incurring a real loss, we actually made a profit of some \$4,000. To begin with, there was a sum of \$1,480 in entrance fees, an increase of \$376 over last year, which has been transferred to our reserves.

To sum up our liquid position the excess last year of liabilities over assets was \$21,500, and this year it has been reduced to \$16,800. The Club finances are now in an eminently sound position.

The chairman then proposed the adoption of the report and statement of accounts and, seconded by Mr. Abraham, the proposal was carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following were elected as office-bearers for the ensuing year: President, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell; Vice-President, Mr. E. Abraham; Cricket Captain, Mr. F. Goodwin; Vice-Captain, Mr. D. J. N. Anderson; Hon. Secretary, Mr. V. C. Labrum; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. F. G. Maunder; Bowls Convenor, Mr. W. W. Hirst; Tennis Convenor, Mr. George White; General Committee, Messrs. W. W. Hirst, G. A. White, W. L. McKenzie, A. Nissim, W. Mulcahy, F. E. Nash, C. J. Tacchi and A. W. Ramsey.

C. E. Roza Pereira Moves Up

IN beating S. J. Houghton last Saturday by 17 shots, C. E. Roza Pereira, Club de Recreio skip, has now moved to the second position in the Third Division Skip's table.

The following is the record of all Skips in the Third Division.

THIRD DIVISION SKIP'S TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Up	Shots	Pts
M. N. Rakusen (C.S.C.C.)	14	12	1	1	324	210	114	0	25
C. Roza-Pereira (Recreio)	14	11	3	0	302	235	67	0	22
H. Westlake (C.S.C.C.)	12	10	2	0	269	205	64	0	20
K. S. Robertson (R.H.K.Y.C.)	13	9	2	2	277	219	58	0	20
S. J. Houghton (K.T.)	14	10	4	0	273	269	2	0	20
A. H. Basto (K.T.)	14	7	3	4	322	248	74	0	18
J. M. S. Rozario (Recreio)	12	6	5	1	226	250	0	24	13
B. Basto (K.T.)	9	5	4	0	180	160	20	0	12
E. W. Simmonds (C.S.C.C.)	10	6	4	0	211	190	21	0	12
W. H. B. Muskett (H.K.E.R.C.)	10	6	4	0	183	184	0	1	12
A. E. S. Alves (C.C.C.)	12	6	6	0	237	228	9	0	12
J. Sloan (H.K.E.R.C.)	9	5	3	1	190	162	28	0	11
J. Watson (K.F.C.)	8	5	3	0	162	136	26	0	10
G. E. Costello (R.H.K.Y.C.)	6	4	2	0	113	113	0	0	8
B. E. Maughan (R.H.K.Y.C.)	8	4	4	0	159	158	1	0	8
F. J. Smith (C.C.C.)	9	4	5	0	179	192	0	13	8
L. de Rame (H.K.E.R.C.)	10	4	6	0	169	202	0	33	8
R. Lapsley (K.F.C.)	11	4	7	0	191	217	0	26	8
H. A. Botelho (Recreio)	14	4	10	0	257	297	0	40	8
W. Bagley (C.C.C.)	6	3	2	1	137	128	9	0	7
G. E. Stephens (H.K.F.C.)	7	3	3	1	146	127	19	0	7
S. Deacon (H.K.E.R.C.)	10	3	6	1	210	208	2	0	7
J. Gibson (H.F.C.)	10	3	6	1	167	200	0	33	7
P. Morgan (H.K.F.C.)	8	3	5	0	161	158	3	0	6
J. H. Gelling (H.K.F.C.)	8	2	5	1	146	175	0	29	5
C. M. S. Alves (Recreio)	2	2	0	0	38	32	6	0	4
E. J. Edwards (H.K.F.C.)	3	2	1	0	54	43	11	0	4
W. C. Simpson (K.T.)	5	2	3	0	98	95	3	0	4
V. Walker (H.K.F.C.)	5	2	3	0	101	102	0	1	4
E. Zimmern (C.C.C.)	5	2	3	0	77	117	0	40	4
J. Cook (C.S.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	46	34	12	0	3
E. S. Abraham (R.H.K.Y.C.)	8	1	6	1	142	171	0	29	3
R. Hall (K.F.C.)	9	1	7	1	134	212	0	78	3
C. E. Gahagan (H.K.E.R.C.)	1	1	0	0	31	11	20	0	2
R. A. Trengrove (H.K.F.C.)	1	1	0	0	22	19	3	0	2
J. S. Beach (H.K.F.C.)	5	1	4	0	84	115	0	31	2
Y. Abbas (C.C.C.)	7	1	6	0	114	150	0	36	2
J. Lunny (H.K.E.R.C.)	2	0	1	1	36	42	0	6	1
S. Randle (K.F.C.)	1	0	1	0	20	21	0	1	0
A. Webster (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	1	0	18	20	0	2	0
H. E. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	20	23	0	3	0
D. Fitches (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	1	0	18	23	0	5	0
A. A. Lewis (C.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	11	39	0	28	0
A. Murdoch (R.H.K.Y.C.)	2	0	2	0	27	52	0	25	0
W. Ward (C.C.C.)	2	0	2	0	29	57	0	28	0
W. Cullip (C.S.C.C.)	3	0	3	0	47	81	0	34	0
A. Stevenson (R.H.K.Y.C.)	5	0	5	0	91	127	0	36	0
Totals	330	156	156	18	6437	6437	582	582	330

CHARITY SWIMMING GALA AT CHINESE "Y"

IN AID OF WAR RELIEF FUND

Swimming enthusiasts will have the opportunity of seeing their favourite stars in action once again before the swimming season comes to an end this evening, when the

two-day swimming gala, organised by the Chinese Young Men's Christian Association, in aid of the War Relief Fund, will commence at the bathing pool of the Association in Bridges Street.

Among the prominent swimmers who will take part in the various exhibition events will be Lau Po-kei, Mak Wai-ming, Norman Lee, N. da Roza, and Ed. da Roza, Miss Yeung Sau-king, Miss Leung Wing-han, Miss Chan Yuk-ling, Miss Chan Fon-king, Miss Leung Yuk-fong and Miss Leung Yuk-chun. The gala will start at 7.30 p.m., and will be continued, and concluded, to-morrow evening.

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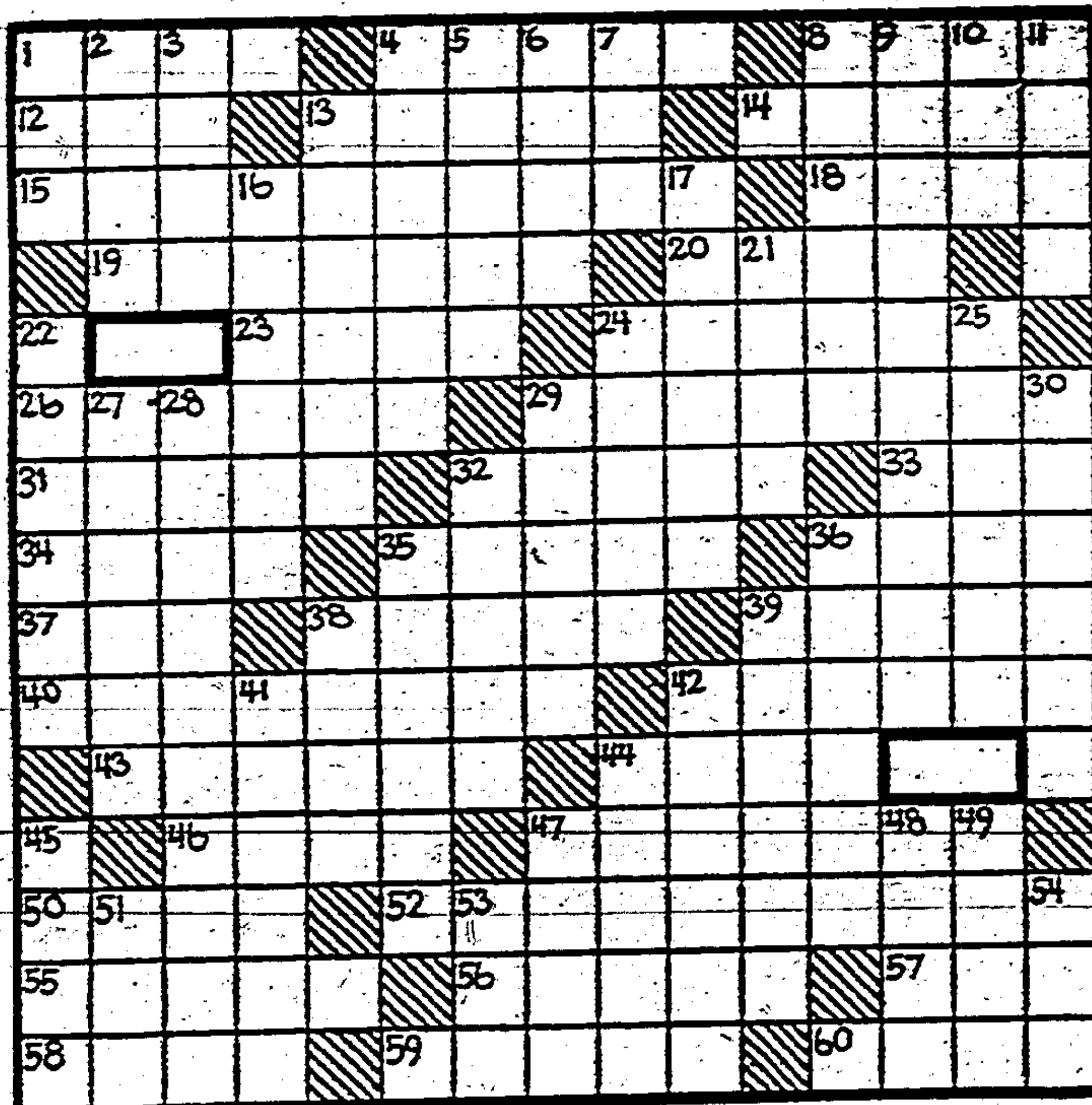
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Besides
- 4-Fear
- 8-Box
- 12-Weaken
- 13-Pertaining to the calf of the leg
- 14-Enchantress in Homer's Odyssey
- 15-Laid down authoritatively
- 18-Minute particle
- 19-Prophetess
- 20-Rear, as a wild beast
- 23-A flower
- 24-Severed
- 26-Decayed
- 28-Dreams
- 31-Part of a flower
- 32-Cavalry sword
- 33-Before
- 34-And others (Lat. abbr.)
- 35-Strings on a stick
- 36-Combining form. Feather
- 37-Religion (abbr.)
- 38-Stupifies
- 39-River in France
- 40-A race horse (pl.)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 42-Ancient military cap
- 43-Narrow
- 44-A pigeon
- 46-Spun fiber
- 47-Sorrow for sin
- 50-American Indian tribe
- 52-Reinforce
- 55-Assists
- 56-An English novelist
- 57-A beverage
- 58-Come short of
- 59-Same as neist
- 60-Altar end of a church

VERTICAL

- 1-Poisonous snake
- 2-Etruscan god. (pl.)
- 3-German rear-admiral (World War)
- 4-Truest
- 5-To spring forth
- 6-Grabs
- 7-Suffix same as ii
- 8-Bolt slowly
- 9-Person having exclusive rights
- 10-Perform

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 11-Long grass stem
- 13-A roll of parchment
- 16-Continued story
- 17-Propels
- 21-Allege
- 22-Avow
- 24-Obligations
- 25-Gentle
- 27-Becomes exhausted
- 28-Pictures on opal glass
- 29-Showers
- 30-River in Moldavia, Roumania
- 32-Squirt
- 35-Beer mugs
- 36-Father
- 38-Heavenly body
- 39-Ferocious
- 41-Characteristics
- 42-Head covering
- 44-Judges
- 45-Feign
- 47-Prefix. Same as Pre.
- 48-To crack and roughen, as the skin
- 49-A fish (pl.)
- 51-Japanese silken cash
- 53-Prefix. Thrice
- 54-Born

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

CONCENTRATION BROKEN UP BY SHELLFIRE

Shanghai, 1.30 p.m. To-day.
It is reliably learned that Chinese artillery broke up a heavy Japanese troop concentration in the Kiangwan sector, last night, inflicting heavy losses.

Shortly after a Chinese plane had soared overhead, fifty shells from large howitzers in the vicinity of Kiangwan Village fell into the area within a few minutes, wreaking considerable havoc among closely packed troops.

Japanese artillery strafed heavily in reply.—Our Own Correspondent.

TOKYO AND CANTON RAID

Tokyo, 2 p.m. To-day.
Messages of protest received in Tokyo from all parts of the world, following the mass murders in yesterday's bombing raid on Canton, led the War Office this morning to issue an official statement declaring that the objectives of the raid were the Canton Government arsenal, aerodromes and the Provincial and Municipal Headquarters.

The statement denied that an attack on the Canton-Kowloon Railway was intended.—Our Own Correspondent.

CHINESE DEFENCE OF PAOTINGFU

(Continued from Page 1)

ported to be proceeding this morning. At least two Japanese bombing planes have been shot down.—Our Own Correspondent.

REINFORCEMENT FOR SHANGHAI

From Formosa And Korea

Shanghai, To-day.
It is reported here that two divisions of troops from Formosa and Korea, respectively, are on their way to join the Japanese forces now in Shanghai, following instructions from the War Office in Tokyo.

Japanese Military Headquarters here would not confirm the report and declined to make any comment on it. They however, admitted that they have suffered high losses in troops on all fronts in Shanghai, and that messages were despatched to Tokyo for reinforcements.—Our Own Correspondent.

190 DEATHS

Shanghai, To-day.
The cholera epidemic is becoming worse and there are now over 1,550 cases in the International Settlement and the French Concession.

Hitherto, 180 Chinese and 10 foreigners, mostly Russians, have died from the disease.—Reuter.

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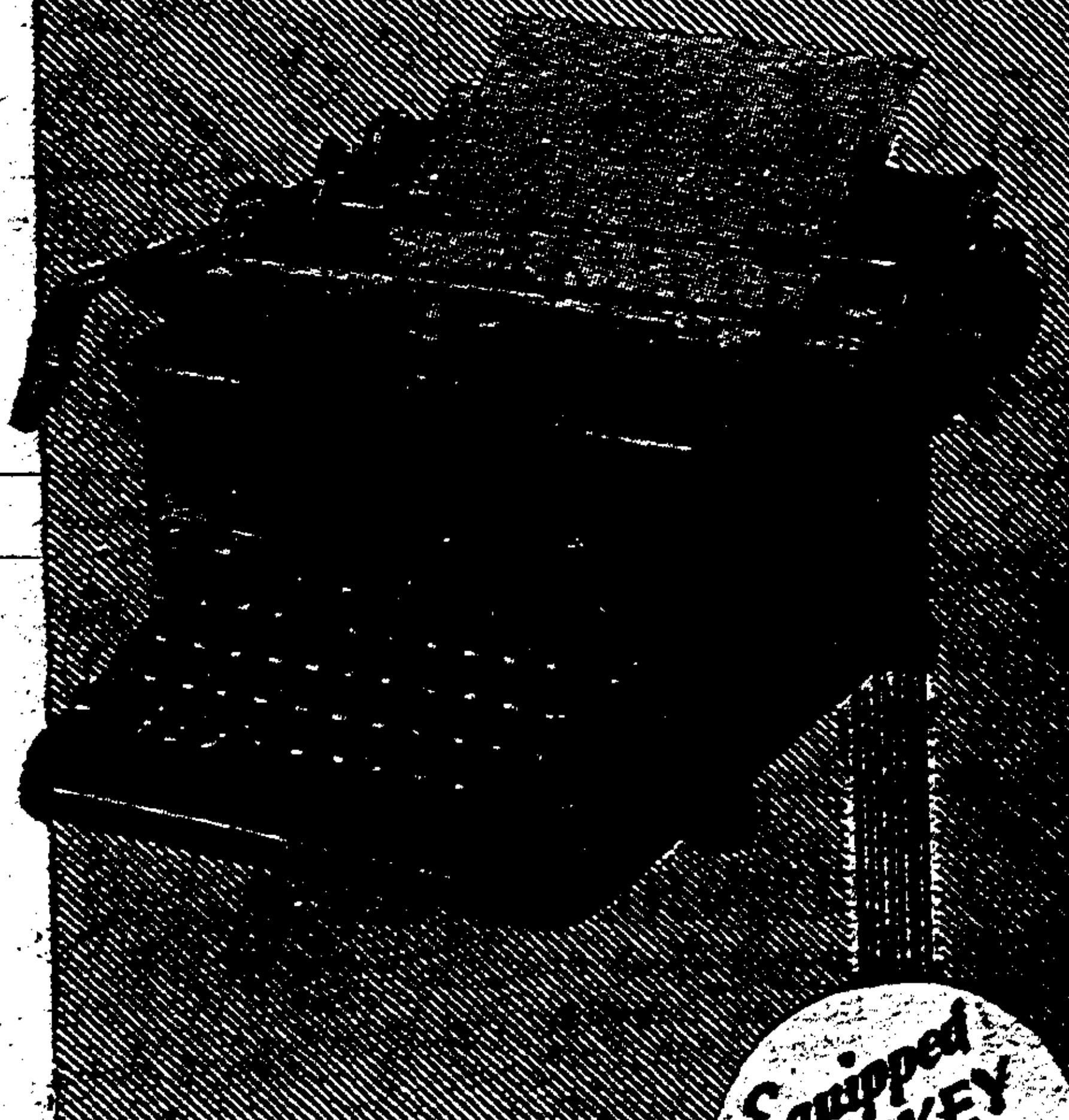
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Tientsin, 2.30 p.m.

Of three scouting planes sent out to investigate the ambush report, only two have returned, one having been shot down by Chinese anti-aircraft guns.

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Our Own Correspondent.

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